

The above is a true and correct copy of the original  
of the will of Charles Fitcher dated 1797

Mr. Charles Fitcher of Prince Edward County, being weak in body,  
do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament  
in manner following. I bequeath unto my wife Mary Fitcher the land  
plantation I now on, also my land and plantation on Buffelton where  
I formerly lived & known by the name of the old plantation, also my  
Negroes Samuey & Bristol, my Negro Man Solomon, also my Stock  
Hares, Cattle, Hogs & Sheep my Wagon & Gear also all my

Plantation. Toes I also give to my said Wife Mary Pritchard, my Negro  
Woman Fanny the Child Hugh, to be disposed of by her in what manner  
she may think proper, as also my Negro Girls Rachel and her future  
Increase to be disposed of as she pleases; My Will and desire is after the death  
of my beloved Wife Mary Pritchard I give to my daughter Elizabeth  
Pritchard my Negro Man Solomon to be disposed of at her death as she may  
think proper, I also give after the death of my said Wife Mary  
Pritchard, unto my Son Hugh Pritchard my two Negroes Lanny and  
Brinkot to him this time forever; I also give unto my daughter  
Elizabeth Pritchard, my Negro Woman Peggy the Child Allen with  
her future Increase to be disposed of at her death in what manner  
she may think proper I give unto my grand Child Charles Pritchard  
son of Hugh Pritchard, my Negro boy Tony to him this time forever.

I Give unto my two Daughters, Elizabeth Pritchard & Mary Pritchard  
after the death of my Wife, my Buffels land & Plantation, known  
by the name of the Old Plantation, during their Natural lives or  
the Survivor of them with all the Improvements thereunto belonging  
and at their Deaths; I Give the said Buffels Plantation to my  
Son Hugh Pritchard to him this time forever. My Will and desire is

Son Hugh Pitchee to him this Will & deed is  
That all that part of my Estate that I have lent to my  
belov'd Wife Mary Pitchee after her Death my Deed is  
Shall be Equally divided between my two Daughters Elizabeth  
Pitchee & Mary Pitchee, to be disposed of as they or either of  
them may think proper, as also my Land I now live on  
containing two Hundred & Ten Acres more or less, to be disposed of by  
them as they may think proper, having the utmost Consent of  
both in the disposal in case they both are living. I give unto my  
Son Hugh Pitchee my Tract of Land containing one hundred &  
seventy one Acres in Buffeloe above the Land of James McEhays  
to him and his Heirs forever, Also one Negro Woman Hannah & a  
Negro Girl Doll now in his Possession, also little Briston,  
also one Negro Boy Peter Step, to him and his Heirs forever, I give  
to my Daughter Christen Wamilton, one Negro Woman  
Hannah now in her Possession, to be disposed of as she may think  
proper, I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Pitchee

My two Negroes Harry & Margaret the future increase the disposal  
of at her death, as she may think proper I Give unto my daughter  
Mary Ritchie my four Negroes Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, & Turkey & the  
future Increase the disposal of in what manner she may think  
proper I Give unto my beloved Wife Mary Ritchie all my  
House hold & Ritchie Furniture, during her Natural life, and  
after her death the divided between my two Daughters  
Elizabeth Ritchie & Mary Ritchie the disposal of at their  
deaths in what manner they shall think proper I Give unto my  
Wife Mary Ritchie all my Blacksmiths Tools of every kind  
whatsoever, the disposal of in what manner she may think proper  
I do constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Mary Ritchie, my  
whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, Reserving  
all Wills hitherto made by me, leaving no appointment the  
made of my Estate & Requesting no Security to be demanded  
in regard by my Wife Mary Ritchie as an Executrix of this my  
Will. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1788.

Signed Sealed & published

Wife Mary Pletcher all my Black Smiths Tools of every kind  
Whatsoever, to be disposed of in what Manner she may think proper  
I do constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Mary Pletcher, my  
whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, Authorizing  
all Wills hitherto made by me, & having no disapproval to be  
made of my Estate & Requesting no Security to be demanded  
in regard by my Wife Mary Pletcher as an executrix of this my  
Will. In WITNES whereof I have set my hand & Seal this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1788.

Signed Sealed & published  
& Declared by the Testator  
to be his last Will & Testament  
in presence of us.

Charles <sup>his</sup> Pletcher (Seal)  
witness.

M. Foster

Andrew Elliot

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