

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Peterson of the Parish
St George and County of Maryland being of sound mind and perfect memory
Sheweth unto God for the same do make Constitue and ordain this my last will
and Testament in manner and form Following I Joseph Peterson do recommend my
Soul to the hands of my great Creator and Blessed Redeemer and my Body
to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors here after
named And as to what worldly Estate it has Pleased God to bestow upon me
after the Payment of my debts I do give and bequeath
as Followeth Viz

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son James Peterson An Hundred and five
Acres of Land whereon he now Lives Also one negro man named Sam
to him his heirs and assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Peterson An Hundred and fifty acres and a
half of Land a part of of Mr. Holliday's to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son George Peterson all the lands of the Estate of the
late Brack With my Plantation Whereon I now Live to him his heirs and assigns
forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty the wife of James Swinney one shilling
Sterling to her and assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy the wife of Samuel James Ediston
all the lands I possess on the west side of the Tuck branch also of father's and
Fronture to her & her heirs and assigns forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto Sally Rask one Coward Cattle and Coward Lamb to
her and her heirs and assigns forever I give unto Pigs 1 Doth three Pigs
and 1 Bacon

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson my Grandson Ferrell Peterson
Ten Pounds to be paid by my Executors when he is Twenty and one years of age
My will and desire is that Remainder of my Estate after my Death may
Be sold and the money divided between my sons James and George and
my Daughter Lucy the wife of James Ediston

And Lastly of this my last will and Testament I do make and do make
Witness my son James Peterson and George to be my whole and sole Executors
Proclaiming and making Void all others heretofore by me made of Ratifying
and Confirming this to be my last will and Testament as aforesaid in Testimony
whereof I have set here unto set my hand and seal this first day of February
in the fifth year of his majesties Reign
Sealed Signed and Delivered

Joseph Peterson

In Presence of By J. Smith
Witness to the his wife
and Testament in County of
St George Maryland
Witnessed on Holliday

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Monday September the first
1766, The last Will and Testament of Joseph Peterson Will being exhibited into
Court by James Peterson and George Peterson the Executors therein named, was proved
by the oaths of Joseph Holladay and Benjamin Holladay witnesses thereto and ordered
to be Recorded, and the said Executors took the usual oath, and gave bond with Joseph
Holladay and Philip Day Sureties for their due and faithful adminⁿ of the said
Decedent's Estate and performance of his Will

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Know all men by these Presents that we George Peterson, James & Joseph Holladay
and Philip Day and also said James Peterson to Lachin Grew Benjamin Grew & John
Brook John Carter of Robert Gordon Gent Justices of Spotsylvania County now
now sitting in the second hundredth Pounds Current money of Virginia
to the Payment whereof said and Truly to be made to the said Decedent and their
Successors we bind our selves and each of us and each of our heirs Executors
and Administrators Jointly severally by these Presents sealed with our
Seals this first day of ^{January} in the year of our Lord 1766 in the year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord King George the third. The Condition of this
Obligation is that the above bound George & Joseph Peterson Executors of the
Last Will and Testament of Joseph Peterson Decedent do make cause
to be made a True and Correct Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattles
and Credits of the said Decedent which have or shall come to the hand Possession
or Knowledge of them the said Executors or into the hand or Possession of any other
Person or Persons for them and the said Decedent to be exhibited or Cause to be Exhibited
into the County Court of Spotsylvania at such Time as he shall be thereunto
Required by the said Court and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all the
Goods Chattles & Credits of the s^d Dec^d at the Time of his Death which to any
time after shall come to the hand or Possession of the s^d Petersons or into the
Hands of any other Person or Persons for them do well and Truly administer
According to Law and further do make a Just and True account of his actings

In the said Court, Then this Obligation to be void and of none effect, or
else to remain in full Force and Virtue

Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of }

Thomas Colson Seal

Edw. Herndon Seal

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Monday October the 10th 1766

Thomas Colson and Edward Herndon, Acknowledged this their bond in Court,
which is ordered to be Recorded

Test

John Waller C. C.

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Monday September the
first 1766

Ordered that Benjamin Holladay George Stubblefield
Beverly Stubblefield and John Chiles or any three of them being
first sworn before a Justice of the Peace for this County appraised in
Current Money the Slaves (if any) and Personal Estate of Joseph Peterson
Deceased and Return an Inventory thereof to the Court

Test

John Waller C. C.

Spok. J. J.

Benjamin Holladay, Beverly Stubblefield & John
Chiles sworn before me to comply with the above Order this
13 Day Sept. 1766

William Smith

An Inventory of the Estate of M.^r Joseph Peterson Dec.

To 1 Negro Man Named Dower	£ 35.0.0
To 1 Negro Woman Named Letty	25.0.0
To 1 Bay horse & 1 Mare and Colt	9.0.0
To 2 Cows and Calves & 1 Horn Bull	6.7.6
To 4 Barren Cows & 2 Hens	12.0.0

To 4 Yearlings To 3 to 1 Cow and 1 young Heav To 2	15	£ 5. 10. 0
To 1 Bull		1. 0. 0
To 10 Sheep		3. 0. 0
To 22 head of Hogs		6. 10. 0
To 1 Cart		1. 0. 0
To 7 Geave		0. 3. 9
To 1 Broad Axe and 1 narrow Ditto		1. 3. 0
To a Parcel of old Coopers tools 5/ to 1 Iron and 3 Hedges 10/		15. 0
To 32 pounds of old Iron at 2 1/2 pound		5. 1. 4
To 1 Pair of Old Stillands 2/ to 1 Old sword 1/6		3. 4
To 10 smothering Iron And 1 Pair of tongs 6/6 to 2 flack for ho 2/		3. 6
To a Parcel of Old Lumber 7/ To 1 old Bell 1/3		3. 3
To 1 Whip Van And 1 Grossett Van		10. 0
To 1 Grindstone 5/ To 2 Stone Muggs 2/ To 3 Bottles & 2 Judges	46	11. 4
To 3 Old Books & 1 Pocket Book		5. 0
To 1 small tumb And 1 Looking Glass		4. 0
To 1 Pair of Money scales & 1 book		6. 0
To 1 P ^{ce} of Large Shears 1/6 To 1 yard of Bro. Linnen 1/		2. 3
To 1 lantern Plate & 1 lantern Pan		0. 9
To 10 Old byder Cakes		17. 4
To 16 pounds of wool 16/ to 3 pounds of cotton 1/ to 10 spun yarn 2/6		19. 6
To 1 Lap Loom 1/3		1. 3
To 1 Iron pott and hooks 3/6 to 10 Old pott and hooks 5/		12. 6
To 1 Gun		10. 0
To 1 frying pan & 1 hammer		3. 0
To 1 Man Saddle & 1 Woman Saddle		1. 10. 0
To 1 Shillett		2. 0
To 1 Razor hone and Vial		3. 0
To 1 Old Case of knives and forks		2. 0
To 5 Plates 6/6 To 5 Basons 10/ 100 Dishes 10/		1. 10. 3
To a Parcel of old Pewter 7/6 To 1 half pint pott 1/		3. 6
To 2 Combs 1 Brush & 1 Box		1. 3
To 9 spoons 1 salt seller & 1 pepper Box		2. 0
To 3 Pales & 1 Washing tub		6. 0
To 3 Old Bridles 1/6 To 2 Old Chaise and 1 Box 5/6		7. 0
To 7 Hides & 2 half sides of Leather		2. 10. 0
To 1 spinning Wheel and 3 P of Cards		14. 0
To 1 Loom and 2 Rags	12 0 1 6 1	10. 0
To 1 Wheal riddle and Meal sifter		3. 0

To 1 Currying Knife And Steel	£ 0 ⁰ 7 ⁰ 0
To 3 Cheens	2 ⁰ 6
To 1 feather Bed furniture and Bedstead & 1 To 1 ditto Blankets	7 ⁰ 0
To 1 ditto Truss: Hide Cord And Bed Stead	3 ⁰ 0
To 1 Butter pott 4/ To 1 old Table 1/3	5 ⁰ 3
	<u>£ 13⁰ 5⁰ 10</u>

Pursuant to an order of the Worshipfull Court of Spotsylvania County bearing Date the first day of September 1766 Whereas the Subscribers being first sworn before William Smith Gent. have Appraised the Estate of Mr. Joseph Peterson Dec^d: That was Shown us, To one hundred and thirty two Pounds five Shillings and ten pence Current money Given under our hands this 13th Day of Sept^r 1766

Beni. Holladay
Beverly Kibblefield
John Chiles

The Court held for Spotsylvania County on Monday October the 4th 1766.
This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Peterson Dec^d is
Ordered to be Recorded

Test
John Waller Esq.

The Court Continued and held for Spotsylvania County August the 11th 1766

Ordered that Peter Marge, John Herndon Charles Colson and James Cuninghame or any three of them being first sworn before a Justice of the Peace for this County Appraise in Current Money the Slaves, if any, And Personal Estate of George Traver Deceased and return the Appraisement to the Court

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John Waller Esq.

In obedience to an order of the Worshipfull Court of Spotsylvania County dated the 11th of August 1766 we the Subscribers being first Sworn do appraise the Estate of Mr. George Traver dec^d as follows Viz^t—