

April Court 1795

In the Name of God Amen I Jeremiah Porter of the County of Caswell State of North Carolina, being sick in body but in my proper senses in every sense and meaning do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following: Viz: I Give and bequeath to my Wife Elizabeth Porter a full third of my personal estate and one fourth part of my Landed estate, Reserving that my Lands in the Counties of Caswell and Rockingham be divided in four parts, and she the said Elizabeth to choose any part she pleases and possess and Inherit the same during her life and no longer, and the Division of the said Lands be as follows, the tract of land called Dobbins tract be divided by an East and West line, Now the tract called by the name of the Old place be also divided by a line beginning where said line crosses on a hill side below the House of the said Jeremiah Porter and running thence straight to where a road called Nath: Williams road crosses the main road at the Corner of my present fence and along the said road to the end of my line beginning the Land of Nat: Williams Now it is my Will and pleasure that three fourths of my said Lands be sold to the highest bidder at Twelve Months Credit, reserving the part that my said Wife may choose for herself during her life and at the Death of my said Wife, her part to be sold along with the remainder of my estate, Now that all the remainder of my Real and Personal estate as well in this State as in the State of Maryland be equally divided Among my Children Samuel, Priscilla, Dicksen, William, Katy, Betsey, Henry, Polly, Anna, Richard, Francis, and the Child my wife is this time pregnant with and to their Heirs and Assigns forever. It is my will that none of my said Lands be sold till my son William comes of age and if my Estate is or may be under the Execution of the Law for the payment of my Debts, so as to Distress the moveable Property & the part of my Lands to be sold to make good my Debts to be left at the Discretion of my Executors.

Him,

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Now I Will and appoint my well beloved Wife Elizabeth and my son William which he come at age and my trusty friend John Carter Executors of this my Last Will and Testament signed at my House this 1st day of February in the year 1795 as my Last Will and Testament for the purposes herein mentioned

Signed in witness of

J<sup>no</sup> C. Cox

W. H. New

Jesse Pofton

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The Execution of this Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of John C. Cox and Will: H. New two Subscribing Witnesses thereto. For Motion Signed to be recorded At the same time John C. Cox qualified Executor.

Teste Nath: Humphrey Secy

I was Inventory of articles sold by me the Administrator of Elizabeth Porter Dec'd on the 15th day of December 1794.

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|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| To 1 Box                               | £ 3. 1. 6.  |
| To 4 Bushels and 4 barrels of Corn     | 4. 1. 0.    |
| To One Horse Collar                    | 20. 0. 0.   |
| To 6 Yards of C <sup>th</sup> Hoathens | 3. 0. 0.    |
| To One Case                            | 2. 17. 0.   |
| To 4 Barrels of Quorn                  | 3. 14. 0.   |
| To 2 lbs. Dittos                       | 3. 13. 0.   |
| To One Bull and Calf                   | 2. 17. 6.   |
| To two Calves                          | 1. 2. 6.    |
| To 3 Hogs                              | 10. 0. 0.   |
|                                        | £ 54. 9. 6. |

By me Robert Roman Acmt<sup>y</sup>  
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This account of Sales was duly returned to Court on oath For Motion Signed to be recorded  
Teste Nath: Humphrey Secy