

In the Presence of God

I John Peterson Senr. of the County of Cumberland, and State of North Carolina Planter, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God, and calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and publish my last will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I owe and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors; Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God

And as touching such worldly Estate, when with it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form Viz
In primis, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Natharine Peterson the house in which I live and one third of the plantation during her life time, also one Negro Wench named Joan, while she continues to live with my son Malcom Peterson. But provided she leaves him and resides with any of her children, the said Malcom freely to possess and enjoy the said Wench, and all her dependants from this date together with a Negro Girl named Dinah, and Boy named Charles &c —

Also I give and bequeath to my said wife Natharine one third of my Stock of Cattle during her life and after her decease to my son Malcom

And I give and bequeath to my son Malcom Peterson all the
land where I live in two tracts also two thirds of my stock of
cattle and one half of the sheep; the other half to my wife
Katherine to dispose of them as she please

Also I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Peterson one hundred
acres of land at my bow run and a Negro Girl named Sally

And I give and bequeath to my son John Peterson one Negro
boy named George, which is now in his possession & —

And I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Mauchlan
one Negro boy named Peter she giving to my Daughter Flory
McKee one half of the value of said boy —

I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Currie one
Negro Girl named Nancy she giving my Daughter Nancy
Black (Widow) one half the value of said Girl —

Also I give and bequeath to my son Abraham Peterson
one Dollar also my wearing clothes & —

And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and
every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and
Bequests by me in any wise before mentioned, Wills, Bequests
relying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will
and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this the 6th Day of April in the year of
our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eight
1878 and lastly I constitute Malcom Peterson

Executor to this my last will and Testament & —

Signed sealed and published
and declared by the said John
Peterson as his last Will and
Testament in the presence of
us and in the presence of
each of us & —

Test John Peterson & —

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John X D. Peterson
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