

In the name of God Amen.

I John Portcliffe of the County of Fayetteville and State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory do make and ordain the following as my last will and Testament

I give to my wife Sarah the following lands in Moore County to wit

A tract of land whereon Col Richard Strat now lives with all the my lands adjoining it

Also the tract of land on the waters of the above named tract which I bought of John Cruse containing two Hundred acres

And one hundred acres of land which I bought of James Harco

I likewise give to my said wife the lot whereon I now live in the Town of Fayetteville and County of Cumberland with all the rights and Appurtenances thereto belonging, what lands and Tenements above mentioned I give and devise to her and her Heirs and assigns forever as her own absolute right and property free and clear of all claims or demands whatsoever

I also give to my wife and to her Heirs and assigns forever the following Negroes to wit Oteny and his wife and Dolly and their six children Harry, Brum, Oteny, Aaron, George and Manning, Also a Negro woman named Nanny and her three children Peggy, Bill & John, and a negro man named Hardy

I likewise give to my said wife all my Horses, cattle and Hogs both here and in Moore County and all my Household

Household and Kitchen furniture of every description
and kind, whatever

And my will is that one hundred pounds be deposited in the hands of my wife in trust for the use and benefit of James Miller now in my family and to be laid out in schooling him suitably for a mechanic and for buying a set of tools for him when he has served an apprenticeship

And after paying all my just debts and of the remainder of my estate my will is that the balance be equally divided between my two nephews, James and John Davis

And I hereby call into my trusty friends Thomas Davis esquire, of Madras, County, Richard Street esquire, of Colloony, County and Philip Ransford esq. of Cumberland County the executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seals this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Six

Signed, sealed, published, and declared
by the said John Porterfield to be his
last will and Testament in the presence
of us

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