

John Sutherlands Will.

In the name of God Amen. I John Sutherland of Halifax County and State of North Carolina, am Sick & Weak of body, yet of sound Sense & Memory thanks be unto God for it; knowing that life & Sense is uncertain, do make this to be my last will & Testament. Viz. I recommend my body to the Earth to be decently buried, at the discretion of my Executors & my Soul I recommend into the hands of God that gave it. & as to my worldly estate I give & devise & dispose of in the following Manner Viz. I give & devise unto my loving Wife Polly Sutherlin all my property for to keep & raise my small Children during her Natural life, except she should make way with my property that I lend her I do empower my Executor to take away immediately. Now it is my desire after my loving Wife is expired that all my Children I have by my last Wife Viz. Nancy Sutherlin, Polly Sutherlin, John Sutherlin, James Sutherlin, Polly Sutherlin, & Kelly Sutherlin should have & equal division amongst all my Children that above named to them & their heirs forever &c. Lastly I do nominate & appoint my loving Wife Polly & my Son William Sutherlin to be my hold & sole Executors & Trustees. And I do Ordain this to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 15th day of January 1794.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of
us W^m Whithead, Jun^r Sarah ^{her} Edwards
mark

John ^{his} Sutherlin Seal

Halifax County ss. To all whom these presents shall come I do hereby certify that the within and last aforesaid will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of William Whithead Junior a Witness thereto and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon Polly Sutherlin the Executrix in the said Will named came in & was duly qualified thereto.

Witness Long Clk.

Will

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