

of signing the ~~same~~ was of Sound Mind & Memory to the
best of his Knowledge & Belief & on Motion Ordered to be
Recorded Test Jm Hooker Esq.

Per 100
In the Name of God Amen. I Peter Bird of the County
of Halifax being Sick in Body but of a perfect Sound Mind &
Memory thanks be to God. & Realizing to Mind the Mortality of
my Body & knowing that it is Appointed for all men Once to Die
Do Make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say
principally & first being Sorry for my sins I implore forgiveness
for the same & as Touching such Worldly Estate where with it
hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I Give Devise & Dispose of
the same in the following manner And for so much
And first I bequeath to my Well Beloved Wife Charity Bird my
Land & Plantation whereon I now live & Likewise my Negro
fellow James During her life or Widowhood likewise one bed
& furniture two Cows & Calves three Sows & Pigs & one Mare by
Name of Bonney likewise two pewter Dishes, two Basins

73. And four plates. & One Iron pott. Three Year then Plates.
One Chest. & Three Chairs. & Likewise One Negro Wench
named Pop. & after the Death & Marriage. of my wife
I Give to my son Peter Bird the same Land I lent to
my wife & Likewise the fellow named James to him
and his Heirs for Ever —

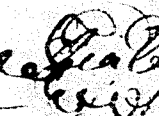
Item. I Give to my son Allen Bird my Land & Plantation on
Black Swamp. & all there belonging Likewise two Negroes
named Pleasant. & Pollepus. Likewise One bed & Furniture
Likewise One Mare called by the Name of fly. Likewise two
Cows & Calves & Two Sows & Pigs to him & his Heirs —

Item. I Give to Mary Bird my Daughter two Negroes by the
Name of Grace. & Mamma. Likewise One Bed & Furniture One
horse by the Name of Sorrel. One Cow & Calf & Two Sows & Pigs
to her & her Heirs —

Item. I Give to my Daughter Nancy Bird three Negroes by the
Name of Pyman. Rosey & Hizabeth One bed & Furniture and
Likewise Twenty Pounds in Money one Cow & Calf & Two Sows
& Pigs to her & her Heirs for Ever Likewise One Iron pott
I Give to my Daughter P. —

signs to be taken then & his for ever Likewise One Iron pot to
them. I Give to my Grand Daughter Penelope Jones One bed &
Furniture. I Also Appoint John Whitaker, William
Nobles & Jesse Hayman, my whole & sole Executors to this my
Last will & Testament & In Witness hereof I have hereunto set
my hand & affixt my seal this Twentieth Day of Feb. 1784
One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty four

Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered in the
Presence of us —

John ^{his} Bind ^{mark} 

John Bago, Josiah Vick —

Elias Fort to wit.

Halifax County S^t Nov^r Court 1784

Then this Will was Exh^d & Duly proved in Open Court by the
Oath of Elias Fort one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto
who on his Oath Did say that he saw the Testator Sign Seal publish
& Declare this to be his Last Will & Testaments & that at the time
of Signing the same he was of sound mind & Memory to the best
of his Knowledge & belief & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

Test

Mr. Wootton C^l