

...and wife of my own... this 12th of Aug. 1826 -
during her life or widowhood, but provided she should
Marry she shall have no part in the land excepted to be a
child's part, & my ~~land~~ ~~to~~ ~~men~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~residence~~
of my lot who to the benefit & comfort of my children; It
is to be understood that when each of my children
shall arrive at the years which the law calls of age
they are to receive a proportional & equal Division of all
The moveable property, but the land are to remain
undivided until my youngest child comes of age &
then to be equally divided following my sons to retain
the land in equal ~~parts~~ ~~of~~ ~~quantity~~ & equality
paying to my Daughters in Money a sum equal in value
to a proportional part ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~. The thing designed is
that my children be equal in their ~~parts~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~estate~~, then then
let it be understood that if the Executors it more to the advan-
-tage of my ~~children~~ ~~children~~ ~~to~~ ~~sell~~ ~~my~~ ~~land~~ ~~now~~ ~~possed~~ &
purchase other lands of equal value elsewhere & allow them
this privilege, provided it meets with the approbation
of my wife & that ~~land~~ ~~who~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~take~~ ~~place~~ ~~during~~
the life of my ~~children~~ ~~children~~ ~~who~~ ~~has~~ ~~a~~ ~~claim~~ ~~of~~
Maintenance on the ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~my~~ ~~wife~~ & my ~~children~~ ~~children~~

Finally I appoint the Rev. Isaac Green & Mr. Robert
Hewitt my Executors to carry into effect this my last
will & Testament, and do hereby testify of I have made set in
hand & affix my seal this the 12th of Aug. 1826
1826 - Signed Seals & delivered

in the presence of
~~James~~ ~~Robert~~ ~~Green~~ ~~Robert~~ ~~Hewitt~~ ~~Joseph~~ ~~Flinn~~
Joseph Flinn - } sworn. By Isaac Green & Robert Hewitt

State of South Carolina York district. I John D.
Patterson do by the help of God & through his mercies
given believing in the old & new Testament to be the true

word of the living & true God in & through the mediation of
 our Lord Jesus Christ I hope to be saved to whom I put my
 trust, whole trust in, in heart & mind, and I also depend
 upon him & him alone who is able to save to uttermost, which
 is my humble prayer ~~to the Lord~~ ^{to the Lord}. March 26th day
 1821. I have ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~devised~~ ^{devised} ~~devised~~ ^{devised}
 with my son & several ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~men~~ ^{men} but also all my just
 debts paid I have also ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~devised~~ ^{devised} to my beloved wife & negro
 fellow named Tom, to do with ~~as~~ ^{as} the sees proper & all the
 stock of every kind and ~~personal~~ ^{personal} ~~effects~~ ^{effects} & a negro boy named
 Abish during her widowhood & the plantation she now has
 on during her widowhood, & ~~also~~ ^{also} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~devised~~ ^{devised} ~~to~~ ^{to}
 her during ^{her} widowhood & to a bed & table the cupboard, furni-
 -ture & kitchen furniture during her widowhood. I also
 will & bequeath to ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~son~~ ^{son} Stephen Pettis the plantation
 I now live on & a negro boy named Elliott. I also
 bequeath to my daughter Hannah Mary Amanda two girls
 Rach & Mary & also a bed & furniture & a horse saddle & bridle
 worth one hundred dollars. I also allow mill & ~~to~~ ^{to}
 be sold & equally divided between ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~children~~ ^{children} & my wife
 & also the paper plantation is to be sold to pay my debts
 to the best advantage - I also leave my wife to be an
 executrix this my last will & Testament written & sub-
 scribed

John E. Pettis

I John E. Pettis named executor in the within will not
 being willing to take on me the burden of execution have
 hereby relinquished my right Nov: 14th 1821.

John E. Pettis

The foregoing was taken from a copy of the last will
 & Testament of John E. Pettis Esq. as presented
 & recorded in the Court of Chancery in York shire in
 the State of North Carolina duly certified and
 my hand to be recorded. This
 Thomas Alexander