

being informed of early death. I have been in receipt of
memory reasoning that I should be concerned to the persons
appointed for the living, & the following distribution
of what I have by substance. I have blessed me with very
1st I will & be; in the name of my father, great Father, all my
household & children, from house, from head of sheep
& a third part of my stock of dogs to be entirely, at her
disposal, I also allow her the whole of the plantation I
now live on, solely for her during her natural life at the
expiration of which I will that it be sold & the money
arising from the sale of the land to be divided amongst the
children of my son William Patten himself sharing
equally with share & share alike. 2nd I will that all my
personal estate consisting of Negroes, Horses, Cattle &c not
otherwise disposed of be put to sale, & the money arising
therefrom to be distributed as follows viz To my Grand
daughter Maria Patten five hundred Dollars to be received
in the hands of my executor & given to her as her necessity may
require - also to Peggy Patten one hundred dollars - the
remainder after all my debts are paid to be divided among
the following persons viz my wife, my son William &
his children all share alike. 3rd I do appoint &
ordain Daniel McDermott son executor of this my last
Will & Testament, and I do hereby revoke & disannul
all other & former wills by me made I therefore witness
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 18th
day of January 1819 in presence of

Wm Gibney
1818

William Patten (son)

In the name of God Amen, I John Porter son of the Hon.
& Carolina & County of Charleston being in my old
age of body, & of a sound disposing mind & memory I have
to God, for all his mercies, do this day make, constitute
make this my last Will & Testament of all this world

good where with it has pleased God to bless me with in man-
 ner of my following in the world. I will & begeth that all my
 my faith & I have put in the world, I will & begeth that all my
 here in after my death I will & begeth that all my
 Thompson & I have put in the world, I will & begeth that all my
 property he begeth that all my
 their heirs for ever. I will & begeth that all my
 Daughter Mary Porter one hundred dollars one hundred dollars
 I will & begeth that all my
 three daughters (all of her own choosing) also my negro
 girl named Eliza with her increase of any my grey mare
 & young Cattle, her own saddle & a new bridle at my decease
 her spinning wheel, one pair of beds, & one chest real, one
 third part of all my Pewter & the whole of the Tea, Ware, one
 coffee pot, one metal pot & one Dutch Oven, her share of the
 small pots & pans & the small pot racks and it is further my
 will & pleasure that if my said Daughter chooses to live
 on the plantation I now live on with her brothers while she
 remains single or unmarried. It is my will that she have the
 full possession of the room she now occupies in my Mansion
 house with her maintenance while she remains & manages
 the affairs of the house as she usually has done, and in case
 the said Mary Porter should die without issue then &
 in that case it is my will that the above named Negro girl
 then upon be divided between my six sons namely Henry
Abner, John, Robert, Joseph & James, or the survivors
 of them share & share alike. Then I will & begeth to my
 son in law Upton Hyman one hundred dollars to be paid out of
 my Estate by my six sons in equal proportion as soon as convenient
 after my decease. Then I will & begeth to my son Henry Porter
 that tract or parcel of land whereon he now lives being part
 of the land I purchased from James Barnett 114 said sons
 spring branch to be the dividing line between said tract or
 parcel of land & my other lands to him & his heirs -
Then I will & begeth to my three sons Abner, John
 & James Porter the tract or parcel of land I now live on
 to wit with a small piece of land divided from the

lands bequeathed to my son Nathaniel Porter to be equally divided among my said three sons according to quantity & quality thereof. And as to the other my son John have his first choice of such bequeathments to William Heirs.

Item I will & bequeath to my son Robert & Joseph Porter that tract of land containing one hundred acres joining William Ferguson's land containing about one hundred & twenty acres the quantity, situation & value of my said two sons according to quantity & quality to them & their Heirs. Item I give & bequeath to my son John Porter my bed & bedstead with all its furniture including the curtains one patch work quilt & one horse, one quilt to him & his Heirs. Also one third part of my pewter & one half of the kitchen furniture not before bequeathed. Item I give & bequeath to my said son John a gray horse that he claims as his own.

Item I give & bequeath to my son James Porter my bed & bedstead with the bedclothes & furniture, one horse, one quilt & one patch work quilt & counterpane & also my black Horse to him & his Heirs, & the third part of my pewter & the remaining third part of my kitchen furniture to him and his Heirs. Item I give & bequeath to my son Robert Porter one feather bed, bedclothes & furniture, one horse, one quilt & one counterpane also my bay horse & black Horse to him & his Heirs forever. Item I will & bequeath to my son Joseph Porter one feather bed, bedclothes & furniture, one horse, one quilt & one counterpane to him & his Heirs.

I will & bequeath to my sons John & James Porter all my farming utensils of every description to be equally divided between them & their Heirs.

Item It is my will & desire that the residue & remainder of my estate not herein bequeathed be exposed to public sale by my executors at some convenient time after my death & the monies arising from such sale after paying all my just debts & general expenses be equally divided among my said sons to wit Henry, Alexander, John, Robert, first and James Porter there and there abiding.

