

inviting & dissuading all other usit & request, by me hereto made,
do testify & concurring this & no other to be my last will &
testament, signed, sealed, pronounced & dictated by the said
John Penn as his last will & testament in presence of

John Penn

Ephraim Alexander
Jeremiah Weston

John Penn



In the name of God Amen. 17th day of August
1804 I William Porter near Creek creek in Chehawburg
county I hereby do call to mind the mortality of my body
& that is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & declare
this my last Will & Testament, That is to say, first of all I
recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it me not
desiring but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty Power of God, & my body to be
buried in a Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my
executors, and as concerning such worldly estate as it hath pleased
God to bless me with, I leave & bequeath in the following
manner & form; That is to say, I leave & bequeath to my son
William the second best Horse or mare that I die possessed
of, one & even as it were to my daughter Elizabeth a silk gown, and to
my Bellycoat & a pair of stays, and I leave to my son William
daughter Liza with a silk gown, & to my son William I
leave the plantation which I now have on with full power
to let or otherwise, from old William big house to enjoy both
which no female had at his death said William to fall to his sons
be they many or few & if no house no sons, then may fall to his
daughters & if no daughters the Widow Elizabeth or daughter
nearest him & in that case I leave said lands to my son
& the widow Elizabeth & the 2d James & Liza brother, and if my
son William takes a thought of moving from this place I allow
him, all power & care & disposal of the lands as he thinks
best only the just charges that the money makes, or the just
money of his estate is kept in the above named unexpended

and when all my just debts is paid, I leave all the rest of
my goods & moneys to my son William only the best beddick
& feather I leave to Alexander son James - and I appoint
my two sons Alexander & William the sole executors of this
my last will & testament. I appoint Catharine as overseer
to take care that this my will be supported & maintained
thus I do revoke & disannul all other former wills and
testaments by me written, ratifying & confirming this & no
other to be my last will & testament. Published pronounced
Sealed & declared to be my last will & testament in the
presence of us the day & year above written -

William Berryhill

Neagle Parks.

Samuel Bowman {

William Porter

In the name of God amen. I James Porter
of Marlinton County, State of N^o Carolina & citizen of the same
do for the same, Do this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord
1824 Being in middling health & mind in mind & memory (Thanks
be to God for the same) Do hereinafter make my last will & testament
Revoking all others. And first I will & order that my funeral
expenses & just debts be paid in some convenient time after
my decease from the sale of my slaves Tillah & her issue &
debt owing to me & the produce of my farm by my executors
hereafter named. I Will & bequeath to my beloved wife Ruth
Porter & her legal bodyly heirs the following slaves namely Rhoda
Charles, Sophie & Doll, also with the Household & kitchen furniture
only what is hereafter excepted & comfortable maintenance
in this my dwelling house with every accommodation
to supply her person & wants during her widowhood, her
own slaves continuing to be employed as heretofore, also one
stack of Sheep. I Will & bequeath to my son William B.
Porter one hundred dollars having at his settling given him
upwards of five thousand dollars worth of real property of that
which is now worth double that sum which is much more
than I can tell you any other body. I act in my fine body