

Testament Given under my hand & seal the above date
Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of us

William Stewart }
John Sumison }

Jane Phillips 

" In the Name of God Amen, I William Potts of Middlesex
County & State of Maryland, being sick & weak in body
through proper which my Judgment remains sound and my
memory, respect think proper to dispose of what is owned by
Estate it has pleased a kind providence to bless me in this life
in manner & form following to wit Inprimis it is my
will that all my Just debts be paid out of my Estate
Then I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Lydia Potts
the one third of all my negroes as follows, as she continues to be
my widow & in case of her remarriage with any other
person it is my will & desire that thereafter all the said
negroes be the sole property of my son James except a
girl by the name of "N. be which shall be hers during
natural life then she with her offspring if any to be the
property of my two Children Mary & James to share &
share alike hereafter. I give & bequeath to my wife Lydia
the one third of all my household & kitchen furniture
one third of all my stock of Horses & Cattle, Sheep & Hogs &c to her
& her heirs forever & likewise the entire occupancy of the House
in which I now live & her maintenance from off this said
Estate of Land during her widowhood or life

Then I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the one third
of all my personal property to wit of negroes Household and
kitchen furniture Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs &c to her & her
heirs forever. Then I give & bequeath unto my son James
all my lands to wit the plantation on which I now live
the mill tract on the 1/2 mile creek & all other being part
or parts of Lands of which I am possessed & my heirs
& assigns forever forevermen I give & bequeath unto

13 said son James the remaining third part of my personal
estate beside the one third of all my House Negroes Household fur-
niture & Kitchen Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs &c. to him & his three
Heirs It is my special Will & desire that my wife & two children
have equal shares of the profits arising from the mill on the 4.
mile creek & also that they each share alike of the Cash on
hand & outstanding debts after all debts &c are paid—

Item I give & bequeath to William Potts son of John Potts to John
Barton son of John Barton, to William Gillespie son of Jacob
Gillespie to each a Horse or more the value of eighty dollars
to be given or made out of my Estate prior to the above men-
-tioned bequeathments - Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint
my wife Lydia Potts, William & John & Thomas Henderson
Executors & Executors of this my last will, hereby revoking and
making null & void all other wills & bequeathments heretofore
by me made, Confirming this & no other to be my last will and
Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my
hand & seal this 21st day of November 1850.

Signed *Richard H. Brown* *President* *Volunteers in the Service*

of his former health }
J. M. Hargrave }

William Potts



In the name of God Amen I William Porter Esq. of the Necklen
County & State of Carolina, being of sound & perfect mind and
memory blessed be God, Do this 21st day of August in the year of our Lord
1892 make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form
following that to wit: I Will that all my just debts be paid -
I To my beloved wife Catherine Porter I Give & bequeath a dower and
comfortable maintenance during her lifetime out of my estate & personal
property. I Will her the use of my dwelling house & stock otherwise by my
executors and her own as she may see fit in need of it for the use of my three
children. I Give & bequeath I Give & bequeath to each of my children as her
share of my real & personal estate & the use of it as she may see fit
I Give & bequeath to my three children as her share of my real & personal estate
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