

1815  
28<sup>th</sup> John Porter's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I John Porter of the County of Moore & State of North Carolina being of Sound Mind and Memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament -

I nominate and appoint my friends Mrs Jones Arch<sup>d</sup> & Mr Pryde of Moore County and Murdoch & Kinze of Chatham Executors of this my last will and testament -

My will is that my bearing of Hannah shall be led but divided amongst my Negroes by my Executors - It is also my will that my Negro Woman Lavinia shall have leave to choose her own Master and such person shall not be bound to give more than three Hundred and fifty Dollars for her to be paid and of price as other purchasers of of my property - I give and bequeath to my Natural Son John Porter (alias John Hoy) who I suppose to be in Ireland Five Hundred Dollars besides an Equal Share of my property with my two Brothers and three Sisters - I give and bequeath to William Withington Son of Col<sup>d</sup> Wm<sup>t</sup> Withington of Moore County Two Hundred Dollars to be paid out of a sum of money which the said Wm<sup>t</sup> owes me if so much thereof is due at my Death, but if not the said Two Hundred Dollars is to be made up from the Sales of other property - I also bequeath to the said William Withington my Gold Watch I give and devise the tract of Land which I purchased of Samuel Noble containing about three Hundred and thirty five Acres adjoining the Lands I live on to my Executor John Hamilton of South Carolina I give and devise my Lands in Rutherford County which I purchased from the Harkers and Abraham Enloe to Mary & Pryde the Sister of Arch<sup>d</sup> & Mr Pryde, and if should sell or exchange said Lands, then I give devise and bequeath the price of the said Land to the said Mary it being my Intention that she shall have the said Land or the price, but if she dies without issue then I devise said Land or the price thereof as the case may be to Janet McPryde the eldest Daughter of Arch<sup>d</sup> & Mr Pryde and her Heirs -

I leave all my real Estate of Every Description (either in this State or Virginia) except the tract of Land already devised and bequeathed to my personal property except what is already bequeathed to my Executors to be sold by them on such credit and on such terms and Conditions as they or a majority of them or their Executors or their May Judge most profitable and Advantageous to my Estate, and then to collect the same and all debts due to me, and after paying my debts and necessary Charges and Expenses, and they above said Legacies, my will and testament is that they remit the Balance of the proceeds of my Estate to Ireland to be paid over in the following manner To wit to my above said Natural Son John Porter (alias John Hoy) one fourth part or share besides the above mentioned

Two Hundred Dollars, to my Brothers William and James Porter Each one fourth share or part, and to my Sisters Anne & Martha & Sarah one fourth share or part Each (I believe my Sisters are married but don't certainly know their Husbands Names) and if they die before John Porter (alias John Hoy) should be dead at the end of five years then I bequeath his share to be equally divided among my two Sons and Sisters or their children if any of them should be dead and have left a child or children and if any one of my two Sons and Sisters should be dead at the end of five years then my will is that such part or share shall be equally divided among all the surviving Brothers and Sisters or their issue - and finally I wish all my former will be made satisfying this my last will and testament -

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of May 1812 -

Signed Sealed for his hand and Sealed by the Testator to be his last will and testament in presence of

John Porter (Seal)

William Tyson  
J. Ramsey

Moore County Court Feb<sup>y</sup> Term 1815

The above will was duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of William Tyson and John Ramsey and ordered to be recorded

Corn Dorris Clk

I John Porter of the County of Moore do make publish and declare the following as bequeathed to my last will and testament -

My will is that my Negro Woman Slave Mary in consequence of her faithful and meritorious services to me be set free by Executors, and also her Child Lavinia and such other Child or children as she may have and that a reasonable subsistence be allowed her by my Executors during her life either on the plantation where I now live or elsewhere at their discretion -

Witness my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1814

John Porter (Seal)  
J. McPryde  
M. McPryde

Moore County Court Feb<sup>y</sup> Term 1815

The above Codicil was duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of the Subscribing Witnesses and ordered to be recorded

Corn Dorris Clk

Mrs Jones and Arch<sup>d</sup> & Mr Pryde Executors