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John
Pursell
Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John Pursell of the County of Southampton Parish of Mottomay being sick & weak in body but of perfect sound mind & memory do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

In manner & form as followeth —
I give unto my son Arthur Pursell 275 Acres of Land lying on the south side of my Plantation beginning at a red Oak of mine & Valentine Jenkins's line & so down the said Jenkins's line to the main run of Black Water River and up the said River to the upper end of my Father's Horse Gully & so down the said gully to the nearest place of the High land and from thence as straight a line as can be made through the Woods to the beginning Red Oak Also one Mare Called Bickin and one Feather Bed & Furniture & one small Gun, also one small Trunk to him and his heirs forever —

I give unto my son Peter Pursell the remainder part of Land contained in my Patent Also together with one Sow mare & colt one Feather Bed & Furniture also Twenty Barrels of Corn & my large Gun, & one small Trunk to him and his heirs forever —

I give unto my Daughter Mary Pursell Fifty Pounds to be paid out of my Estate Also one Feather Bed & Furniture, one Desk & one large Trunk and further it is my Will and desire that after my just debts is paid that the remainder part of my Estate to be Equally divided between my Three Children namely Arthur Peter & Mary — But further it is my Will and desire that if either of my Sons Should die without lawful Male Heir that his Land should return to the Surviving Male Heir that is then living to them and their Heirs for ever —

And further I do appoint my Two Sons Arthur and Peter my sole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this Fifth day of September one Thousand Seven hundred Ninety & Nine —

Sign'd Sealed
in presence of }

John Pursell

Valentine Jenkins
App. Jenkins
Wilton F. L. Jenkins

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 16th Day of December 1799 — This Will was presented in Court by Arthur Pursell one of the Executors therein named — And time allow'd for the Other to Qualify — prov'd by the Oaths of Valentine Jenkins App. Jenkins & Wilton F. L. Jenkins the Witnesses thereto And sworn to by Court. Probate is granted him in due form giving Security whereupon it is ordered to be Recorded —

Sam. Tully