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The Porter
Will

In the name of god amen I Thomas Porter of the County of Southampton
and parish of Whicker being in sound mind and memory do make this my
last will and testament in manner and form following First and
principally I bequeath my soul to almighty god who gave it me and for
worthy goods I dispose of what as follows Next
I bequeath to my loving wife Charlotte Porter during her natural
life all my land and all my Estate of what kind soever after paying
all my just debts untill my son Jesse Porter arrives to the age of
twenty one years then my Estate to be divided as follows that my
wife Charlotte Porter shall keep five negroes of her choicest plan
tation stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture at her death
I give my land to my two sons Thomas and Jesse Porter he them and
their heirs forever But in case either of my sons Thomas or Jesse
Porter should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one years
old my will and desire is that my son Richard Porter should have
one half of my land and an equal part of my negroes after giving
two negroes apiece to son Benjamin Porter Susan Porter Richard
Porter if my sons Thomas and Jesse Porter live to the age of twenty one
years or either of them dies before they arrive to that age that son Rich^d
Porter should have only an equal division of my Estate and Polly Porter
two negroes an equal part of the balance of my negroes & property also
I give to my son Benjamin Porter after releasing the two negroes
above mentioned an equal part of my Estate I give to my son Richard
Porter after receiving the two negroes above mentioned an equal part of
my estate I give to my daughter Polly Porter after receiving the two
negroes above mentioned an equal part of my estate
Lastly I constitute and appoint my friend Henry Porter Executor to this
my last will and testament hereby making void all other Wills by me
heretofore made - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 30th day July 1800 and fourteen
intended before signed

Thomas Porter (seal)

In presence of
Samuel Francis
Gadale Brantly
Daniel Porter

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the day of January
1816 this Will was proved by the oaths of Samuel Francis and Gadale
Brantly two of the witnesses here and desired to be recorded
and on the motion of the Executors therein named who made oath according
to law to certify and sign a certificate for obtaining a probat thereof in
due form giving Satisfacⁿ thereupon &c

Teste
James Nicholls (S)