

Will of John Portis Junior (b. 1656, d. 1704; husband to Deborah Hardy) Know In the name of God amen, the 19th day of Octobr in ye year of or Lord God 1704 I John Portis Junr of Isle of Wight County in Virginia Carpenter, being Very Sick & Weak in body, but of pfect mind & memory, thanks be given to God therefore Calling to mind ye mortallity of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, does make & Ordeine, this my last Will & Testamt, (that is to say principally & first of all, I give & recomend my Soul into ye hands of God that gave it, and for my body I comend it to ye Earth, to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner, att ye discretion of my Exex hereafter named, & Nothing doubting but att ye generall resurrecon I shall receive ye same againe, by ye mighty power of God, And as touching such worldly Estate, where- wth it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise & dispose of ye same in ye following manner & form. Impr / I give and bequeath to Deborah my dearly beloved Wife, all that Messuage, Tenemt or Mannr house whereon I now dwell, together wth all manner of Outhouses, Orchards, Gardens, Wood Land ffeedings pastures &c together wth all other aptences, any way thereunto belonging, to be freely possessed and Enjoyed by her, and to be wholly & solely, att her owne proper disposall for ever. Item, I freely give & dispose, all other my worldly Estate as well moveables as imoveables, both wth in doores & without, together wth all manner of debts, Sume or Sumes of money, any wayes due to me in Law or Equity, to Deborah my wellbeloved Wife, and Lastly I doe hereby freely Constitute, make & ordein my wellbeloved Wife Deborah, my Sole & Onely Exex, of this my last Will & Testamt, And I doe hereby utterly disallow, revoak, & disanull, all & every other former Testamts, Wills, Legacies, Requests & Exrs, by me, in any way before, this tyme, names Willed & bequeathed, Rattifieing & Confirming, this and noe other, to be my last Will & Testamt. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal, the Day & Year above written. John Portis (his marke) Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced & declaired by ye sd John Portis Junr, as his last Will and Testamt, in ye prsence of us the Subscribers John Guilford (his marke) Mary Griffiths (her mark) Sarah Bradshaw (her marke) Benj. Drewitt Memdn I John portis aforesd doe desire yt my Wife Deborah may not be any waies hindred, or delayed, by any pson or psons, whatsoever, upon any acct or prtence whatsoever, (after debts pd) in her departing, wth all Convenient Expedicon out of this Country to Pensilvania. John Portis (his marke)