

The Will of John Portis (b. ?, d. Oct 1707; husband to Jane Exum) In ye name of God amen, the Seaventeenth day of Aprill 1703 I John Portis being in perfect mind & memory, doe make this my last Will & Testamt, in manner & Forme as followeth first I give & bequeath my Soul into ye hands of almighty God my Creator in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrecon thro ye merrits of my onely Ld & Savior Jesus Christ, in whome I hope for Salvaccon, My Body I committ to ye Earth, to be buried att ye discretion of my Exer, as shall be hereafter named, I doe dispose of my worldly Estate as Followeth first I give & bequeath to my Sonne John portis One Shilling, besides a porcon I formerly gave him I give & bequeath unto my Sonne Thomas portis, One Shilling besides a porcon I formerly gave him I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Susannah One Shilling besides a porcon I formerly gave her I give & bequeath unto my Sonne George portis, One little Iron pott, & pott hookes & pott hangers, One Bell mettle spice mortar & pestle, One Iron Spitt & ffender, two deep dishes, One Bason, One Iron pestle, One sett of Iron Wedges, one small Table & one ffeather bed, Bedstead & furniture & Three Cowes & Calves. I give & bequeath unto my loveing Wife Jane, all ye rest of my personall Estate, besides what I have already given, I doe alsoe give unto my sd Wife, all my Land dureing her naturall life, And after her decease, I doe give & bequeath all my foresd Land, to my Sonne George portis to him & his heires for ever. I doe ordein & appoint my loveing Wife Jane portis, to be my whole & sole Exer of this my last Will & Testamt, In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & fixed my seal, the day & year first above written. John Portis (his Seal & marke) Signed & sealed in the prence of us William Copeland Sara Jordan (her marke) Richard Reynolds Ambross Hadley (his marke) Proved in open cort held for ye Isle of Wight County ye 9th of Octobr 1707 by the Oathes of Ambross Hadley & William Copeland, & Ordered to Record. Source: Will & Deed Book I, Vol. 2, Page 485.