

Will, NC, Johnston, Kedar Powell 1768

In the name of God, Amen.

The 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord 1786, I **KEDAR POWELL** of Johnston County and of Saint Stephen's parish, being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament, that is to say:

Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God, that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors.

And touching my worldly estate where with it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

IMPRIMIS It is my will and desire for as much of my estate to be sold at the discretion of my executors as will amount to one hundred pounds and that to be put to the use of schooling my two sons, **ADEN POWELL** and **WILLIAM POWELL** and also as much as will give my three daughters reasonable schooling and to pay all my just debts if it is wanting. I leave it at the discretion of my executors. And then it is my will and desire that all my living should be kept together until my son **ADEN POWELL** arrive to be twenty one years of age, and then all to be sold, excepting my lands, and to be equally divided between my widow and three daughters, **ZILPHA [POWELL]**, **SUSANNA [POWELL]** and **WINNEY [POWELL]** .

ITEM I give and bequeath to my beloved son **ADEN POWELL** that part of my plantation that I now live on and all my land that lies on the same side of the Poplar Branch and also my lands that lie within the low grounds to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **WILLIAM POWELL** my plantation and all my lands that lie on the other side of the Poplar Branch to him and his heirs forever.

I likewise constitute, make and ordain my dearly beloved wife **HESTER POWELL** my executor, and my trusty and well beloved friends **JESSE TINER** and **JOSEPH INGRAM** my executors of this my last will and testament; and I do hereby bitterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, will, legacies and bequests and executors by me in any ways before named, wills and bequeath, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

KEDAR POWELL

Signed, sealed in the presents of us by the said **KEDAR POWELL** as his last will and testament, in the presents of us the subscribers.

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ISAAC POWELL
JAMES DURENT
SARAH STARLING

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