

RECORD OF WILLS.

William Ellis and Samuel Porter to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And by disavowing hereby making void all other Wills and bequest whaterso. before signing and witnessing in article first line the ditch is interlined the name of Russ Ellis and same article line the 10th is interlined the name Russ. article second line the word is interlined these mares except what is heretofore mentioned article fourth William Ellis and one feather bed here to be varied to breeding mares to be interlined in article first for the use of the Plantation.

Witness

John Lennon }
W. J. McRee }

Wm Ellis Seal

In the name of God. "Amen"

I Thomas Bryan of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being at this time indisposed do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner following namely-

I will and bequeath that my whole estate real and personal shall be equally divided between my Sisters according to the Law of distribution

I give and bequeath to my Sister Hannah for one pair of Silver Shoe beads.

And I hereby constitute and appoint William Bryan, James D. Bradley, and John White Esquires Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 23^d day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1788 and in the 30th Year of the State

Witnessed sealed published

Thomas Bryan

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Last Will and Testament
In presence of us.

James Ward
John Patrick

In the name of God. "Amen"

I John Baldwin Son of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God casting unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last Will and Testament as follows-

That is to say principally and first of all.

I resign my Soul into the hands of Almighty 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 hoping through the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have a glorious resurrection at the last day and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprimis My Will and desire is that all my just debt and funeral charges be paid. It is also my will and desire that the whole of my Plantation utensils and implements of husbandry of every kind whatsover be equally divided amongst my three Sons. John Charles and William as well hereafter be divided and given except it be any thing heretofore given in deed. or any thing else which may hereafter be directed to be given in this Will.

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I give and bequeath unto my Son John a full or account against the Publick of the value of a Naval Hospital Name of Warrington also to my

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of all my plantation utensils of every kind as has already been directed above except it be anything here to be given in deed or any thing else that may hereafter be disposed of in this will to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Then

I give and bequeath unto my son Charles one young horse known by the name of Tom also the one child part of my plantation utensils of every kind as has already been directed above except it be anything heretofore given in deed or otherwise that may hereafter be disposed of in this will to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Then

I give and bequeath unto my son William two horses known by the name of Roger and young Tom also my rum case and bottles with the one child part of my plantation utensils of every kind as has already been directed above except it be anything heretofore given in deed or any thing else that may hereafter be disposed of in this will to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

It is also my will and desire that the whole of my stock of Cattle be equally divided amongst my five daughters Sarah Betsey Anna and Nancy, as shall be hereafter directed except it be chose hereafter given in deed or may be hereafter directed to be given in this will.

Then

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one Negro Woman old Peggy, and one Man old Jimmy together with the one fourth part of all my stock of Cattle as has already been directed to be given except it be given in deed or may hereafter be directed to be given in this will to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Then

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Betsey one Negro Woman old abb and one Negro man Donny Jean also one fourth part and four tenths together with the one fourth part of my stock of Cattle as has already been directed to be given except it be any heretofore given in deed or may hereafter be directed to be given in this will to her her heirs and assigns forever.

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Then

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy the one fourth part of all my stock of Cattle as has already been directed to be given except it be any heretofore given in deed or may hereafter be directed to be given in this will to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Then

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary one Man known by the name of "Doll" with the one fourth part of all my stock of Cattle as has already been directed to be given except it may be any heretofore given in deed or may hereafter be directed to be given in this will.

Lastly

As to all remaining part of my estate land negroes money or any thing else whatsover to me belonging it is my will and desire that it may be equally divided amongst the whole of my children beginning with the eldest one and so down to the youngest.

And I do hereby appoint constitute and ordain my three sons John Charles and William Baderin to be my true and lawful Executors of this my last will and testament and no other revoking and annulling all other wills by me made assuming ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said John Baderin have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty one signed sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said John Baderin as his last will and testament in presence of us

Moses Richardson
Joseph McCarline
J. Lewis.

John Baderin *Test*