

Vick my holly and sole executor to this my last will and testament
revoking all paper writing heretofore made by me the day and
date first written as witness my hand and seal, sealed and examined
in the presents of us

Test
A.B. Baines Jr.
Duncan Floyd
State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter sessions
Nash County
her
Susanah ^x Vick (Seal)
mark.
May term, 1842

The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will
and testament of Susan Vick was duly proven in open court as appear-
ing of record by the oath of A.B. Baines, Jr and Duncan Floyd the two
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.
and is recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

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Be it remembered that I Benjamin Vester of the County of Nash and
State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and perfect
mind and memory blessed be almighty god for the same do make and
publish this my last will and testament in manner and form fol-
lowing, that is to say: First, I lend unto my wife Cherry vester
the tract of land where on I now live as long as she will live on
it, or so long as she lives single but if she marrys or voluntarily
leaves it it is my will that it shall go to my youngest son Jordan
Vester who shall then take possession of it to be his wife and
property. I further lend my wife Cherry Vester one cow and calf one
sow and pigs and all my geese for life time widowhood or voluntarily
left at which time I give the last above named property to my
youngest daughter Francis Vester I further give my wife Cherry
Vester five hundred pounds of pork and five barrels of corn for
support for the first year, secondly, I give my daughter Nancy Vester
one feather bed and furniture and one spinning wheel and four dollars in
money. 3rd. I give to my daughter Deborah Sutton one chest and one
spinning wheel. 4th: I give my son Abisha Vester one yoke of oxen.
5th: I give my tract of land lying and being at the red cross roads to
my two sons Elijah Vester and Benjamin H. Vester to be equally
divided betwixt them. I further give my three youngest sons Elijah
Vester, Benjamin H. Vester and Jordan Vester one bed and furniture
apiece the balance of my property I desire shall be sold and the
money equally divided between my four oldest sons Abisha, Wiley,
Nathan and Solomon Vester after paying my debts and I further
desire to leave Jarmon Ward executor to this my last will and tes-
tament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 22 day of June A D 1844

Signed, sealed and declared by the above named Benjamin Vester to be
his last will and testament in the presents of us who at his request

and presents have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

to the same.
J.W. Hopkins
Alfred Upchurch
State of North Carolina
Nash county
Benjamin Vester (Seal)
court of pleas and quarter sessions
November term 1844

The foregoing paper of writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Benjamin Vester was duly proven by the oath of J. H.
Hopkins and Alfred Upchurch the subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.
and is recorded. Attest F.M. Taylor, C.C.C.

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I Mildred Bass of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina
being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of
my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and tes-
tament in manner and form following that is to say First, That my
executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent
burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay
all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to
whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into my
hands as a part or parcel of my estate. Item: I give and bequeath
to my grand daughter Aquilla Bass the daughter of John Bass one
bed and furniture to be hers and at her disposal forever.
Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Edwards the wife
of Nathan H. Edwards five cents to be paid by my executor within two
years after my death out of any moneys belonging to my estate which sum
together with the advances she had from me at the time of her marriage
and sundry small advancements since that time will make her a fair
and equitable portion of my estate to be hers and at her disposal
forever. Item: My will and desire is that all the residue of my
estate, if any, after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned
shall be sold and the debts owing to me all collected and if there
should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts expenses
and legacies that such surplus shall be equally divided between the
children of my son William T. Bass in equal proportions share and share
alike to them and each and every of them there executors administrators
and assigns absolutely forever. And lastly, I do hereby constitute
and appoint my trusty friend Augustus Bass my lawful executor to all
intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament
according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part
and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other
wills and testament by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I the
said Mildred Bass doth hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of
March A D 1843.
her
Mildred Bass (Seal)
mark