

Caleb Baker
Will

I Caleb Baker of Bertie County and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say. I give to Eldridge little son one one negroe boy son of Waner. I give to my two sisters Catharine Hendrick and Patsy Green and two small tracts of land lying in the upper part of this County and one tract lying in Alleghany County.

My Will and desire is to give to Moses and his wife Jenny and their three children to wit Sally, Brity and Jack their freedom, and my brother Abner Baker is to furnish them with means amply sufficient to enable them to get to a free State, or as much of my property shall be sold for that purpose. I give to my brother Abner Baker the balance of my Slaves and the plantation on which I now live together with all the stock, tools, crop, household and kitchen furniture and every thing else appertaining to the said plantation of all kinds whatsoever to sell and do with as she may please. My brother Abner Baker or his representatives is to pay all my just Debts. The boy which I gave to Eldridge little son is named Nelson.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Abner Baker and John Snider Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty five.

May 24th 1835

Caleb Baker (Seal)

This is a codicil to my will. I give to my sister Catharine Snider and Jack her and her

Children to wit Sally, Betty and Jack their freedom, and my brother Abner Baker is to furnish them with means amply sufficient to enable them to get to a free State, or as much of my property shall be sold for that purpose. I give to my brother Abner Baker the balance of my Slaves and the plantation on which I now live, together with all the stock, tools, crop, household and kitchen furniture and every thing that is appertaining to the said plantation of all kinds whatever to use and do with as he may please. My brother Abner Baker or his representatives is to pay all my just Debts. The boy which I gave to Eldridge Little Son is named Nelson.

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May 25th 1835

This is a beedictal to my wife. I give to my sister Catharine Snider one black bed and bolster, one set tea one fallen leaf table, one fallen leaf tea table, one set of rock bottom, Chair and one bay horse called pony. I set my hand and seal this day and date above written.

John Snider

John Snider

Abner Baker

At Botetourt June Court 1835

The instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Caleb Baker Sen^r was exhibited in Court and the said writing of said Baker was proved by the oath of John Shockey, Solomon Snider and Joseph R. Potts; and a codicil annexed to said will was proved by the oath of John Shockey and Solomon Snider subscribing witnesses thereof. Whereupon the said Will and the Codicil thereto annexed is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and testament of the said Caleb Baker Sen^r.

Attest
Wm McLachland DC

In the name of God Amen I William Poage of Botetourt County and State of Virginia, being old and infirm but of sound mind and memory and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and appoint this my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit: first and principally I commit my soul to God in humble hopes of its future happiness and my body to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial. I leave to my loving wife Elizabeth Poage the whole of my plantation during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease I wish the said plantation to be equally divided between my five sons, to wit: William, James, Robert, John & David. I also give to my five sons above mentioned, my rifle gun.

I give to my four daughters, to wit: Polly Jones, widow of William Jones dec^d, Susannah Poage, Jane Poage, and Elizabeth Poage ten Dollars each to be paid them by my wife at such times as she may think proper. I give to my wife Elizabeth Poage all my other property of every kind, stock, farming utensils