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In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Eller being in bad health but of sound mind
memory and knowing the certainty of death I resign my soul to its Creator and
property to be disposed of as follows I desire that my beloved wife shall have the House that
now live in during her life and one half of the Garden also my Clock two bedsteads
buffboards which is in ~~the house~~ and all the Table furniture in the same also my Bed
Mare her saddle & bridle one Cow and two hundred dollars in Cash also one Table
four Chairs one Brass Kettle and two Iron Lads and two Forks I desire that my son
John have that part of the plantation on which he now lives called one hundred
free from the payments of Rent for the use of the same untill the expiration of
one year after my death at which time I desire that my whole plantation contain
about five hundred Acre be equally divided between my son John and my son Abrah
by three undersigned persons by them for that purpose for and in
consideration of the said land it is my desire that my son John and my son
Abraham do accounts with the ballance of the legacies for said land at the
Rate of four Dollars per Acre to be paid by them as follows one hundred dollars
to be paid by each of my sons John & Abraham in one year after the sale of my
personal property and one hundred Dollars yearly by each of them untill
whole amount on account of said land is paid the aforesaid sums of Money
arising from the land It is my wish that it shall be equally divided amongst
all my lawful heirs as it becomes due I desire that my daughter Rebecca have
fifty dollars in Cash two beds & furniture One Copper tea Kettle one Iron Wash
Kettle one Chat one Spinning wheel one Chick Run Kitcher furniture also
saddle & bridle and one Cow & calf & four Chairs I desire that my son

Kettle one chest one spinning wheel one black Rul Kitchen for nutcr & also
side saddle & bridle and one cow & calf & four chairs I desire that my son
Abraham is to have my black horse and my Waggon & two sets of gear one
Barshen plow Iron Mold board one Iron Harrow two shovel plows & Castrating
one ^{one saddle} saddlebags one mattedock one axe and my fan mill now in the Barn and
half Bushel It is my desire after all the aforesaid property is disposed off agreeable
to this my last will that the residue of all my personal property be sold
at public sale and the money arising from the said sale together with the
money arising from my two sons John & Abraham on account of the land
shall after paying my funeral expences together with all my other just
debts be equally divided amongst all my lawful heirs and that my wife
have an equal part with them share and share alike throughout a division
of the whole Estate as ^{Botetourt County Virginia Wills 1829-1838} ~~the hands of my Executors~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} It is my desire
that the money arising from my Estate that will be coming to the Children of
my Daughter Susan Garst that the same be paid to Frederick Garst Jr on his
giving bond with approved security that he will pay the same to the Children of
the said Susan Garst Sen^r as they become of age It is my desire that my Daughter
Rebecca Remain with her Mother during her life time and if she thinks proper
to remain after the death of her Mother in the House where they both occupied
is to have the use of the upper room in said House so long as she conducts
herself decently It is my desire that my son John & my son Abraham qualify
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My hand

Laurel Ellen
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James L. L. Barker
Rebecca Ellen
D. Barker

At Notelands Detention Canal 1930
This Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Laurel Ellen Barker was made and signed
by the said of David Barker and Laurel Barker and bearing date
the 10th day of May 1850