

In the name of God amen I John Atkins of the County of Charlotte being sick
and weak of body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the
mortality of my body knowing that it is allotted all men once to die do make
and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following
In the first Place I recommend my Soul to God thro the merits of my redemption
In the next place my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
as my Executors hereafter named shall think fit, and as for worldly goods
as it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with, I give and bequeath of in the
manner and form following: My devise is that my Land and other property
Stock and household goods after reserving to my wife either atkins one third
part, to be sold and equally divided between my Children hereafter named Viz,
John Benjamin Joseph and Sally. My Executors paying to my other Children
William Delph and Lucy five Shillings each, out of the money arising from the
Sale as their part, as they have received all the Legacy I intended to give them
in my natural life. My devise is that my Wifes things at her death be sold
and equally divided between my Children John Benjamin Joseph & Sally.
My devise is that my Sons John and Benjamin Atkins be my executors. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day
of December one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five
In presence of Francis Davis Lov. Nancy ^{her} ~~Widow~~ ^{his} John & Atkins L. J.

My devise is that my sons John and Benjamin Atkins being executors In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day
of December one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five.

In presence of Francis Barnes Esq. Nancy ^{her} Wilcox } John X. Atkins I }
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At a Court held for Charlotte County the 2^d day of April 1804.

This Last Will and Testament of John Atkins dec^d was presented in Court &
the same was proved by the oath of Francis Barnes Esq and Nancy Wilcox the
two Witnesses hereto Subscribed to be Acknowledged by the said John Atkins as his
last Will and Testament in their presence and consent to be recorded.

Testes Thomas Read Esq

At a Court held for the said County the 4th day of June 1804.

On the motion of Benjamin Atkins and John Atkins the executors herein
named who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining
a probate of the said Will in due form they giving Security wherein from they
with Francis Barnes and Miles Bottoms their Securities entered into and
acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose.

Testes Thomas Read Esq
Truly Recorded

Thomas Read Esq