

In the name of God amen I Jacob Michaux being in  
a weak and low state of health but of a Rational and sound  
mind, and calling to mind the uncertainty of Life, and the  
certainty of death, do make this my last will and Testament  
first I would desire that my whole Estate shall be kept  
together as it now is till all my debts are paid, excepting  
only such things as may be conveniently spared out of the Stock  
or any other things that my Executors shall think will be of  
little or no advantage to the estate to keep, except hereafter  
mentioned; they may sell and apply the same towards the  
payment of my debts: also what debts are due to me, and the  
money received by the Ferry and the crops on whatever may  
be conveniently spared off. The plantation till all my debts are  
paid, and then my will and desire is that my estate may  
be divided between my wife and children in the following  
manner Item I leave unto my beloved wife Sally Michaux  
in lieu of her dower, the land and plantation on which I now  
live from the lower end up to the line that was James's also  
six Negroes (viz) Sambo Ben Primus Malt Bell Puffe and  
all my household and Kitchen Furniture and  
plantation and all my personal estate and be more.

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after also all my household and kitchen furniture and  
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things shall be necessary to serve upon these  
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I give to my beloved wife Sally Michael one Bay riding  
horse and one work horse such as she will choose  
also a young gray mare and colt together my riding  
saddle and bridle for her use and as there is and so  
will be said of the crop four hundred pounds which  
I want to give to my wife to purchase her a piece of  
land for to live on from the river, which I lend to her du-  
ring her life.

Now I give to my three daughters Sally Judith and Lucy  
after my debts are paid my land on Roanoke River with  
seven Negroes (viz) Abaam. Will. Scruggs, Hanna Lucy Peter  
of land with their increase: also the stock of Horses, cattle hogs  
and the Plantation tools, and every other thing that is at the  
place that belongs to me; and all the profits of that Planta-  
tion from the crops or by any other thing that may be spared  
shall be added to the estate of my three daughters deducting on-  
ly for their maintenance and schooling till one of them mar-  
ries or comes of age, my will and desire is then to have the land  
Negro stock, and every thing, belonging to them equally divi-  
ded between them or as nearly equal as may be without selling  
by my executors having a regard to Quality as well as to quantity.

and then one third of the said estate delivered to that one of my  
said Daughters that is then married or over age, and the other  
two thirds of the said estate I desire may be kept in the hands  
of my executors till my other daughters marry or come of age and  
then the other two thirds to be equally divided and delivered to  
them in like manner. and if either of them should die without  
an heir from their body then my desire is that her part of  
the estate shall be divided between my other daughters &c &c  
and if they should all die without an heir from either of their  
bodies then I will that the whole of their estate shall return to  
my son Jacob

Then I give unto my son Jacob my Ferry and tract of Land from  
Paul Schickman line to that of James' aforesaid and six  
acres of land to Ned. Peg, Frank George and Sam. also four cows  
and calves four two years old and four one year old old cattle and  
all the horses that are not otherwise disposed of and after the death  
of my beloved wife I give to my son Jacob the remainder part of  
the tract land live with the Negroes stock and every other thing  
that is my beloved wife to him and heirs for ever I also give him as  
many my as will be sufficient for his handon I desire that my  
executors may sell the timber and stock of horses cattle and hogs

out of my children estates and that all  
the money raised thereon or any part from their estates  
be put without delay to the use of the said William  
either for their use that my executor shall think proper  
I desire that my children bear with me  
this I do appoint Joseph Mylleson Abraham Quinlan William  
Smith and Peter Smith executors of this my last Will and  
Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands  
and seal this twenty first day of June one thousand seven hun-  
dred and seventy four and in  
Presence of  
Simon Harris  
James Bayden  
Hugh Treach  
James Wilkinton

Jacob Michelson

I leave John Hugh to the management of his mother till  
he comes to the age of twenty one years.

Witness  
James Bayden  
Hugh Treach  
James Wilkinton

Jacob Michelson

at a court held for Cumberland County the 27th June 1774  
This last will and Testament of Jacob Michener deceased was pre-  
sented, in court and proved by Simon Harris Hugh French and  
James Wilkinson three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded

Test

Thompson Swannock.

At a court held for Cumberland County the 26th September 1774.

On the motion of William Smith and Robert Smith two of the executors in  
this will named who made oath according to law certificate is granted them  
for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon  
they together with Joseph Mayo and Eleanors Bavington their securities, sub-  
scribed into bond according to law and liberty is reserved to the other execu-  
tors to join in probat.

Test Thompson Swannock

clerk

At a court held for Cumberland County 21st April 1782.

On the motion of Joseph Michener one of the executors in this will named  
who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining  
probat thereof in due form he having with Henry Shepworth and brother  
Eleanors Bavington entered into bond according to law and it is ordered that  
he be joined in probat with the other executors.

Test Geo. Bavington of clk