

In the Name of God Amen I James Baker of Elizabeth City County Virginia being Sick and weak in Body but of Perfect Mind and Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. First I commend my Soul to God that gave it and as for what Worldly Goods he hath blessed me with I give and bequeath in the following Manner.

Imprimis.

I lend unto my Dear Wife Elizabeth Baker my Negro fellow Peter and my Negro Wench Venus and her Increase during my said Wifes Lifetime but after her decease then the said Peter Venus and her Increase to be equally divided Among my Surviving Children I give and bequeath unto my said Wife all my Household and Kitchen Furniture all my Outstanding debts. my Stock of Hogg and Cattle my Riding Chair and Horse that I bought of Mr. Nath. my Cart and all the Plantation Utensils, she paying my funeral Expences and Last Debts. I also give my wife My other two Horses beside the ~~one~~ give to ~~my~~ I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Susannah Baker my Negro Girl Jenny when my said Daughter comes of Age or Marries

Item.

I Give and bequeath unto my son James Baker the Plantation whereon I now live, which was given to my wife by her Brother Robert Carter decd; my wife having her lifetime in the said Land. I also Give and bequeath to my said son James Baker Part of a Lot of Land lying in the Town of Hampton which I purchased of Thomas Bull decd. Joining William Shannons James Wallaws andelling Street. I also give unto my son James my Laurel Mare he giving my son Timothy Bloodworth the first Colt she Bares

Item

I Give and bequeath unto my son Timothy Bloodworth Baker my Lot of Land lying in the Borough of Norfolk which I bought of Richard Knight which said Lot the said Richard Knight had of John Smith

Item. I leave the Rest of my Negroes to be equally divided
Amongst my Children as they come of Age or Marries my Daughter
Susannah to share also with them. my wife to have the use of the
said Negroes until my Children comes of Age for maintaining and
bringing them up. And as I expect my Wife to be pregnant my
Will and desire is that the Child or Children if they Survive to —
come to age or Marries to share the Negroes equally with the Rest
of my Children

And Lastly I Give my Wife all the Provisional Liquors and
other things not mentioned in this Will. And
Constitute Nominate and Appoint my said Wife and
Mr. Robert Bright to be executrix and Executor to this my
Last Will and Testament. *Witness* whereof I have
here unto set my hand And Affixed my seal this Ninth
Day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and Eighty one.

Sealed, Signed, Published
and declared in Presence of us.
William Carter
William Jennings
Robert Bright
John Carter

James Baker

Sixty fourth before April 25th 1782
This William Jennings in Court and found
that the Court of Judicature one of the Witnesses there to
also deposed that he saw W. Carter & W. Jennings the other
Witness sign as such and ordered the Person and Line of
the Motion of Robert Bright who made Oath according
to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a
Docket Book in his entering into Bond Money
on the together with Joseph Mathews his security and
into Bond &c
Test. Carysillon Esq. Clerk