

In the Name of God Amen
 I John Baines of the parish and County of Elizabeth
 City Being Sick and weak in body But of a
 perfect sense and memory do make and ordaine
 this my Last will and Testament in manner
 and form as follows to wit - - -
 first my will and desire is that all my just
 debts and funeral Charges Be first paid and
 after that is Completed then my will and
 desire is that my son matthew Baines shall
 Have my tract or parcel of land lying and being
 In the County of Elizabeth City to him and
 to his Heirs forever provided my said son do
 and shall pay to each of my other Children
 namely my son John Baines and my son william
 Baines my son Henry Baines and my son Richard Baines
 to each of them Nine pound yearly payments
 to Be made as they Come of age or marry if either
 of my Before mentioned Children should die before
 they Come to the age of twenty one years or marry
 my desire is that the money whitch of be fore
 I gave shall be Equally divided among the others
 that Remains there and there a like to them
 and to each of their Heirs forever.
 Item I Give to my son matthew Baines one
 yearke of young stea or second Choise
 Item I Give to my son matthew Baines five pounds
 towards Completing the the House witch I gave
 him before -

Item the Rest of my Estate of what Ever
 Denomination it may consist in Consisting
 of House Hold furniture of Every sort together
 with my stock of Cattle and Hogs and one Horse
 shall be sold and the money arising from
 the sale of the before mentioned Estate shall
 be Equally divided among my four Children
 Namely John Baines William Baines Henry
 Baines and Richard Baines Share and Share-
 alike to Each of them and to Each of their
 Heirs for ever -

I do anoint and appoint Robert Arms
 my sole Executor to this my
 Last Will and Testament signed Sealed and
 delivered this 15th day of February 1798

Test
 James Davis

his

John F. Allen

mark

that
 James Baines

mark

John Baines
 mark

At a Court held in Elizabeth City County Feb. 22. 1798
 This Will was produced in Court & proved by the Oath
 of Jas. Davis a Witness thereto And at a Court held
 July 27. 1798 was further proved by the Oath of Jas.
 Allen a Witness thereto & ordered to be recorded

Wm. Thompson notary
 Wm. Thompson & D. Black
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