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In the Name of god Amen I Douglass Baker being sick and in a low condition of
body but in perfect sense and memory fully sensible of approaching mortality and the uncertainty
of life do make and ordain this my last will and testament first and principally I recommend
my soul to god the sovereign Author of my existence and my body to the grave there to rest
in hopes of a glorious resurrection and happy immortality and with respect to worldly goods
as god has been pleased to bless me I dispose of them in the following manner and form
I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah my two negroes old Moses and egg to be hers and
her heirs forever, I give and bequeath to her one third of my moveable Estate except
five young negroes (to wit) Sarah, Moses, Nanny Fadrwick and Tom. I grant to my wife
the privilege of living on my plantation during her life or widowhood on condition
she shall see proper to keep house for and with my children, and if she should
marry and chace to live on the plantation and keep house as above she shall
have the preference to live on the plantation before any other person and in
order to enable her to do so, I allow all my negroes to work together as formerly
she is likewise to have the use and benefit of all the stock and plantation
utensils also all the house and kitchen furniture, all which privilege I allow her
to enable her to provide for herself and family in general and if there should
be any surplus arising from plantation, stock or otherwise after a decent
maintainance of her and children I desire the same to be divided equally
between her and the three children the above privilege and the disposal of the
surplus to continue during her pleasure to live with my children as above

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to take choice in the division. I allow all my just debts to be paid before any division is made of my movable Estate. If at any time my wife should see Cause to remove or decline keeping house for my Children then in that case it is my desire that my daughter Betty Nelson shall be at her mothers disposal if she shall chose if the two boys to be at the disposal of the Executors and Guardians whom I allow to be chosen as soon as their Case may require it. It is my will in case my wife should remove from keeping house for my Children that the Childrens part of the moveables including the five young Negroes above named and likewise the Land shall be kept together and let to the best advantage for the use of the three Children equally untill some of them comes to age then all to be equally divided (except the land) into two parts one of which I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty, H. to be hers and her heirs properly forever the other part (including the land) to be divided equally betwixt my two sons when Robert comes of age and in case either of my sons should marry so young as to have children before they come to age and should die before they come to age in that Case their Children shall inherit their fathers part It is my will that as soon as may be after my death there should be an appraisement of all my estate except the two Negroes sold Moses and Agg given to my wife and if in case the estate should gain or lose it is my will that all concerned in the gain or Loss should bear an equal part according to their place, to wit, my wife and all children to share alike till the division betwixt my wife and children.

my wife and children and then all the children alike till the division
between Pity H and the two boys and then the boys share alike till one of
them comes of age I do hereby nominate and constitute my beloved wife
Sarah and my Brother in Law William Baldwings and Andrew
Baker Junr. Executors of this my Last will and Testament and do hereby
disannul and make Void all former wills and bequeathments by me heretofore
made In Witness whereunto I set my hand and seal this sixteenth day
January 1797

Signed Sealed & Confirmed

in presence of us -

Andrew Baker Junr.

James Graham

David Porter

Elliott Baker

Douglas Baker (Seal)

A Court held for Prince Edward County April 17 1797 This Last will and Testament of Douglas
Baker deceased was presented in court and proved by the Oaths of James Graham & Andrew Baker
Witnesses thereto ordered that the same be recorded On the motion of Sarah Baker Executrix &
Andrew Baker Executor therein named who with James Graham & Joseph Morton their securities
entered into and Acknowledged their bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned
as the Law directs and took the oath required by Law Certificate for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form is granted them & Leave given the other Executors therein named to take
Execution at an other day

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