

In the Name of God Amen, I Benjamin Baines of the County of South-
ampton Virginia being weak of body but of sound perfect and disposing mind
and memory thanks be to be to God for the same and calling to mind the uncertain-
ty of this mortal and transitory life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men
once to Die, do think proper to make appoint constitute and ordain this to be my
Last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit:

Impowered, I Give devise and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Baines the use
and Profit of the plantation and house wherein I live and the Labour
of my three Negroes viz Pompey Cato and Peter for and during the term of her
natural life likewise the use profits and Labour of my negrowoman called Ponce
for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and no longer
Also I Give and bequeath unto my son John Baines, One negro Boy called Luke
one Negro Girl called Frank one Featherbed of Turnitons two Cows of value some
Twenty one live and some two iron spots and six setty Chairs with some other trifles
all of which I have already bestowed upon him and to his heirs & assigns forever
Also I Give devise and bequeath to my son William Baines the plantation & lands
which I purchased of Joshua Johnson containing by estimation two hundred and
Ten acres, bounded and described as by the said Johnson and to me expressed Lie-
wen the Plantations and lands which I lately bought of the executor of Rich^d
Rich^d dec^d supposed to contain Six hundred Twenty three acres more or less
more bounded and described as by indenture from William Thomas John Thomas Peter

once to me, do think proper to make appoient constitute and ordain this to be my
last Will & Testament in manner following to wit

I give devise and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Barnes the use
and Possession of the plantation and house wherein I live and the Labour
of my three negroes viz, Pompey Cole and Peter for and during the term of her
natural life whereas the use profits and labour of my negrowoman called Ponce
for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and no longer

Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Barnes, One negro Boy called Luke
one Negro Girl called Frank one Featherhead of Turbott two Cows & calves some
Pewee one tree and Lamb two iron pots and six sett of chairs with some other trifles
all of which I have already possessed him with to him and to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I give devise and bequeath to my son William Barnes the plantation & lands
which I purchased of Joshua Johnson containing by estimation two hundred and
ten acres, bounded and described as by the said Johnson deed to me is expressed Lik-
ewise the Plantations and lands which I lately bought of the executors of Rich^d
Picks dec^d supposed to contain six hundred twenty three acres more or less more-
over bounded and described as by indenture from William Thomas, John Thomas, John
Robert Pick, Rich^d Pick and Joseph Pick, executors of the aforesaid Rich^d Pick dec^d
to me is expressed & indeed also one negro boy called Peter two Cows & calves one tree of plum
tree one Yucca one Featherhead of Turbott Ten pounds value in Pewee six flagg bottom
sett of chairs to him & to his heirs & assigns forever

Also I Give devise and bequeath to my son Jacob Baines the plantation of Land
 which I bought of Rich^d Johnson containing by estimation Two hundred Twenty
 five acres. Likewise all the remainder of my lands lying on the base & swamp flaggy
 run of the hampden branch, being the whole of two tracts one purchased of
 Arthur Allen containing Two hundred acres more or less the other of Matthew John-
 son containing One hundred acres more or less the whole of the said three tracts
 and meager of kind being severally and distinctly bounded and described by three
 several issues for the same from the aforesaid Rich^d Johnson, Arthur Allen of
 Matthew Johnson, to me, also after the death of wife the plantation of Land, where
 on I live containing by estimation Two hundred acres, also all my Land known
 by the name of the Pine woods containing by estimation one hundred acres of bound-
 ed by the Land of Abbigston Jones. Jordan Denson, Jacob Jenkins, Lewis Toymen
 & also one negro girl called Jude one Feather bed of Furniture two boxes of
 calico two sows and piggs, one Cow and Lamb Ten pounds value in pewter one
 flag bottom ^{seeing} Chairs and one Iron pot the whole to him & his heirs and assigns
 forever also one sand colt called blaze.

Also, I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Johnson wife of Stephen
 Johnson One Negro boy called Set together with sundry things all of which
 she hath already in possession with to her & her heirs and assigns forever

Also I Give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Baines

Also I give and bequeath unto Peninah Barnes one negro boy called Tom one
featherbed and furniture one cow and calf eight pound value in paster one ewe &
lamb & one chest to her & to her heirs & assigns forever

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Milly Barnes one negro boy called Mingo
one featherbed & furniture the value of eight pound in paster one chest one cow
and calf and one ewe & lamb to her & to her heirs and assigns forever

Also All the remainder of my estate of what nature or kind soever real per-
sonal or mixed whether in possession remainder or reversion (after my just li-
gacies and other necessary expences are first paid and satisfied) I leave
to my wife Mary Barnes for & during the term of her natural life, and after
her death It is my will and desire and I do hereby order direct that all the
commanded and residue part of my estate be equally divided, between all my chil-
dren to wit John Barnes William Barnes, Jacob Barnes, Mary Johnson
Peninah Barnes, & Milly Barnes, or to their heirs.

Lastly I do hereby constitute depute or dain & appoint my wife Mary Barnes,
my friend George Washington Son of George and my son William Barnes, my
whole & sole exors & heirs to this my last Will & Testament & I do hereby ratify
& confirm this my last will & no other to be my last & Testament nothing & I do an-
nulling all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness Whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty day of August In the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred seventy & nine

Benjⁿ Barnes

Also, All the remainder of my ^{Southampton County, Virginia Wills 1772-1782} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} estate of what nature or kind soever real personal or mixed whether in possession remainder or reversion (after my just expenses and other necessary expences are first paid and satisfied) I leave to my wife Mary Barnes for & during the time of her natural life, and after her death It is my will and desire and I do hereby order direct that all the remainder and residue part of my estate be equally divided, between all my children to wit John Barnes William Barnes Jacob Barnes, Mary Johnson Peninah Barnes & Emily Barnes or to their heirs.

Lastly I do hereby constitute depute or ain & appoint my wife Mary Barnes my friend George Washington Son of George and my son William Barnes my whole & sole Executors to this my last will & Testament & I do hereby ratify & confirm this my last will & no other to be my last & Testament revoking & annulling all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twentieth day of August In the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & seventy & nine

Signed sealed pronounced & delivered by the said Benjamin Barnes to be his last will & Testament } At Court held for the County of
George & Washington } Southampton the 9th day of Dec. 1779
In presence of } This will was presented in Court
by Mary Barnes & William Barnes the said three names of }
Proved by the said George Washington & Mary Johnson }
Benjamin Barnes } one of the said George Washington & Mary Johnson & Ben Barnes
Mary Johnson } being sworn & sworn to the contents of the said will & the manner of its execution & delivery as aforesaid