

William Barksdale

George Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I William Barksdale of the said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Item First, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances and Condition and that my Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who give it as I hope for eternal salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for twenty five years.

Item Second, I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my executors hereafter named and am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed of their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.

Item Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth & with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for thirty five years all the tract or parcel of land on which I now reside containing one hundred and fifty acres, with all the rights members and appurtenances to said lot of land in any wise appertaining or belonging to her own proper use benefit and behoof. I also give and bequeath to my wife in the same manner my negro woman Fanny, about thirty years of age and my negro girl Amy about eleven years of age, also the farming utensils used in and belonging to said Plantation, one Horse and all the Stock of Cattle and Hogs, and all the Corn and Bacon on hand, and all my Household and Kitchen furniture And also my Buggy and Wagon together with the rest of my property both real and personal wherever and whatever it may be.

Item Fourth, I appoint and constitute my beloved Wife Elizabeth & my son William D. Executor to this my last Will and testament this February 6th 1859.

William Barksdale

Signed sealed declared and published by William Barksdale as his last Will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said Testator, and of each other this February 6th 1859.

Jas. H. Northington
William H. Robins
Samuel D. Blount