

Christian Burkets Will

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In the name of God Amen. I Christian Burkett of the state of North Carolina County of Ashe being in perfect mind & memory shantels be given unto God, Calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form. First. I have chosen my son Jonas Burkett and my son in law David Graybeal my Executors, my slaves shall be left to their choice (only Cherry shall be set free at my death & her bed & clothing to go with her) who they go or belong to being valued by three men chosen by the Executors & if to the heirs. they take them at their valuation, as part of their legacy, I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanah Trella ways heirs and her. her life time the tract of land whereon they now live lying & being in the state of Indiana Monroe County one quarter section valued to Six hundred dollars. I give & bequeath to my Grandson Christian Burkett son of Christian Burkett deceased a tract of land in Ashe County N.C. on Clapbank Creek

Containing Two hundred & one acres. value
 to Two hundred & fifty dollars. the title
 made to him when of age by the executors
 I give & bequeath unto all my children
 to wit. John Burket Mary Gray beal John
 Burket Eliza Lusk May Christiana Burket
 David Barbara Gray beal Catharine May
 Susannah Tredaway Saborn Shown
 Jonas Burket Ann Goodman Rachel
 Horrance Jacob Burket for each and
 every one to have an equal share of
 my estate after allowing all gifts debts
 dues or demands. deducted from their
 equal shares. I request that all my
 goods & chattles lands & tenements to be
 sold to the highest bidder Twelve months
 credit and I do hereby disallow revoke
 disannul all and every other former Tes-
 taments wills legacies, bequeaths, & executors
 by me in any ways before named uttered &
 bequeathed ratifying & confirming this
 & no other to be my last will & Testament
 In witness hereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this 23rd day of September
 in the year of our Lord 1844

Signed sealed published
 pronounced & declared
 by the said Christiana
 Burket in the presence
 of us who in his presence
 & the presence of each
 other have hereunto
 set our names

James Johnston
 Eli Graybeal

Interlined before assented
 Christiana ^{Wife} Burket
 Mark

I the said Christian Burkett doth
acknowledge the within to be my last
Will & Testament whereunto I have annexed
this Codicil. Item, my negro woman Cherry
is to be set free at my death and given
for security Jacob Burkett my son signed
the 17th day of June 1845, in the presence
of

James Johnston
Aaron Johnston

Christian ^{his} Burkett
wrote

State of North Carolina
Ashe County } July Term 1854

The within will was duly proven
in open Court by the oaths of Eli Gray head
one of the subscribing witnesses and by
the oaths of Col. George Bower as to the
hand writing of James Johnson the
other subscribing witness

Test.

Wm. Gambrell clk
A. J. May D.C.