

Christian Burkett's Will

In the name of God Amen! Christian Burkett
of the state of North Carolina Aforesaid, being ad sufficient
mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling
unto mind the mortality of my body and 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 unto the
hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent
christian burials at the discretion of my execu-
tors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty pow-
er of God. and as touching such worldly Estate
as wherewith it has pleased Almighty God to
bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose
of the same in the following manner and
form, First I have chosen my son Jonas
Burkett and my son-in-law David Brayton
my executors. my slaves shall be left to their
choice only they who shall be set free at my
death. and her bed and clothes to go with
her who they go or belong to, being valued by
them now chosen by the executors. and if the
husband take them at their valuation as part
of their legacy, I give and bequeath to my
daughter Susanah Treadaway hers and to her
the tract of land ^{the tract of land} wherein they now live lying
and being in the state of Indiana Monroe County
one quarter section valued at six hundred
dollars, I give and bequeath to my Grandson
Christian Burkett son of Christian Burkett
hereafter, a tract of land in Ashe County
North Carolina on "my bank" creek

Christian Parker's Will

Containing Two Hundred and One Thousand Dollars at
Two Hundred and fifty Dollars the teste made to him
when of Age by the Executors. I give and bequeath
unto all my children to wit, John Parker, Mary
Graybeal Parker Parker, Elizabeth May, Christian
Parker, David Parker, Barbara Graybeal, Katherine
May, Susanna Freckaway, Salome Shown, Thomas Parker
Ann Goodman Rebecca Lorraine Jacob Parker or
their Heirs, for each and every one to have an
equal share of my Estate after allowing all my
gifts debts dues or demands ^{amounted.} demanded from
them equal share I request that all my goods
and Chattels Lands ands and Investments to be
sold to the highest bidder twelve months credit
and I do hereby disallow revocable and disannul
all and every other ^{former} Testaments wills. Legacies
bequeaths. Executors by me in ~~any~~ ways before
named willed and bequeathed, ratifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last
will and Testament. In witness hereof I have here
unto set my hand and seal this 23^d day of
September A.D. 1844.

Subscribed published Christian Parker
pronounced and declared
by the said Christian Parker
in presence of us, who in his
presence and no presence of each
other, have hereunto subscribed.

James Johnson, Eli Graybeal.

State of North Carolina, 23 Sept: 1852.

At the County of The witness will was duly proven in
open Court by the oaths of Eli Graybeal one of the subscribing
witnesses and by the oaths of Tol Lee Brown as to the handwriting of the
other subscribing witness

Joshua H. Gamble Clerk
of the County Court

65 Jonathan Millers Will

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

In the name of God
Amen I Jonathan Miller of the county and
state aforesaid being sick and weak of
body, but of sound and understanding and
memory and understanding Considering
the certainty of and the uncertainty of the
time thereop to the end that I may be the
better prepared to leave this world when
it shall please my God to call me hence
have now determined to direct what dispo-
sition shall be made of my property after
my decease, and after maturely consider-
ing the circumstances and conditions of all
those among whom as my heirs at law
or the objects of my gratitude or affection
in my judgment, my Estate should be
distributed. I do make publish and declare
this to be my last will and testament
hereby revoking and making null and
void all former last wills and testaments
and writings in the nature of last wills
and testaments by me heretofore made and
my will is first, That after my decease my
body shall be decently buried with an
orientation or unnecessary expense excepted
my funeral charges and just debts shall
be paid by my executors hereinafter
named and so to the residue of my estate
and property with which God has blessed
me and shall not be required for the
payment of my debts funeral charge