

Jacob Baldwin's Will

In the name of God Amen
 I Jacob Baldwin of Ashe County & State of
 North Carolina being sound in mind
 & memory - Knowing it was once appointed
 for all men to die & after death then
 to Judgment I do this 30th day of March
 in the year of our Lord 1856. Make this
 my last will & Testament. I will to my
 beloved wife Polly Baldwin all my live
 stock of all kinds together with all my
 household & Kitchen Furniture and all
 my grain, & Bacon, & all my Farming tools
 & a peaceable home wherein she now
 lives - with as much of the farm
 as she sees proper to cultivate, together
 with her garden & orchard, at the death
 of my wife my will is for my son Alfred
 to have my farm - One good Cow
 & calf, & one good bed & covering with
 a good covering bed & two pillows & good
 bed stead, & my will is for my son James
 Baldwin to take Alfred at the death
 of his mother & take good care of him
 so long as he lives, & then for James to
 have & enjoy all the property which
 Alfred leaves at his death to his own
 proper use. Now I will to my son John
 M. Baldwin thirty acres of land adjoin-
 ing Polly Wyatts Commencing at John
 M. Millans lines where the road comes
 from Polly Wyatts up to said line then
 down the hill with the line to the creek
 & crossing the creek some sixty or
 seventy yards - then southward

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straight through to the wagon road then west up
the road to the old line between myself and Polly
Wyatt, then south with said line to the lower corner
of Polly Wyatt's meadow, then with a conclusion as line
to the beginning - Now I will all the balance of my
home tract of land to my two little grandsons of
John M Baldwin, & John M Cicero & Philip Emma
together with all other living children by the present
wife John M Baldwin, the land beginning at John
M Millan's line the line of the thirty acres then southward
with said line to the wagon road then west up the road
to the crop fence between myself & Polly Wyatt then south
with said fence to where the fence turns west then
west with the old marked line in the edge of Wyatt's
old ridge field then with the old line south to the top
of Baker's ridge then with the top of the ridge to a con-
ditional line made for A. J. Parker & then with said
line northwards to the line with myself and John M
Millan & then westward with the old wagon
road to the corner of the thirty acre tract. And
my will is for my son John M & family to live
on this tract of land willed to his children
as long as he can cause free, and I will to my
daughter Marys Baker's children & Jacob Carter
Baker included with the Baker children equal
the tract of land they now live on supposed to be
one hundred acres be the same more or less
Beginning in the line between myself & John M Millan
near the old ridge road to come across some hundred
yards on said line eastward of where Baker's
road comes into the old ridge road then with
said line eastward passing the lower corner
of Baker's Carter field, crossing the little
fork on to the old line between myself & John

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McMillan then south with said line to an arbor in
the swamp above Bakers then with the old
line to the top of Bakers ridge then westward
with the top of the ridge to the conditional
line between John M. & Baker then northward
with said line to the beginning, And my will
is for my daughter Mary Baker & H. Baker
to live on the land & cultivate the same as
long as they are proper free. Now I will to
my Daughter Jane Stampers children the
tract of land they now live on beginning on
the top of Bakers ridge in Stampers old
field on a chestnut then with the top of the
ridge eastward to Polly Mayatts line at the
corner of said fines, near the top of the ridge
then south down the ridge to a chestnut corner
then on south with the old line by the side
of John Bakers fines to the old corner then
west with the old line to a conditional line
made between James Baldwin & McMillan
Stampers & then with said line northward to
the beginning - supposed to be one hundred and
thirty acres of land in said tract be the
same more or less, & my will is for my daugh-
ter Jane Stampers & her companion William
Stampers to live on the said tract of land
and cultivate the same as long as they are
capable to do so free. Now I will to my son
James H. Baldwin a fifty acre tract of land
below him on the brushy fork of Bakers
Creek. with all its Butts and Barrens also
the tract of land he lives on called the
Bottom tract of land with all its Butts &
Barrens, together with a small portion of

^{in their}
 two, other tracts beginning beginning with the corner line
 line between him & Stamps & all the land that belongs
 to me west of the conditional line to the top of Sakers
 ridge to my son James Walden, I now will to my
 son John M. Walden my smith tools together with half
 of my fourth part of the mineral of this home tract of
 land & the other half to my daughter & Alfred that
 has not had any land from me. I now will to my
 daughter Sally Mullis one \$500 note & one for
 time dollar note that I hold against Mrs. Anderson Mullis
 for cash due me. I will to my daughter Polly Thompson
 my wagon which is at Thompsons at this time for
 repairing. I will to my daughter Narcissa William
 my loom & little wheel, Now I will to my daughter
 Nancy Griffith my big spinning wheel. I will to my
 daughter Elizabeth Jones one dollar to be paid
 her by her mother. I also will my daughter
 Peggy Austin five dollars paid to her by her
 mother - My will is for my wife to have my boy have
 sold and paid my just debts - & I will my wife
 to keep my young Edward horse till he comes to
 himself & then sell him & use the money as she sees
 proper -

Test

A. D. Parsons Juror.
 Lincoln Roof

Jacob Walden (C)

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Sessions for the County of Ashe
 Ashe County } August Term 1856

I Robert Gamble Clerk of the Court of
 Pleas & Sessions for the County of Ashe & State of N.C.
 do hereby certify that the last will & testament of Jacob
 Walden dec'd. was duly proven in open court by the
 oaths of A. D. Parsons & Jacob Roof the subscribing
 witnesses to said will & caused to be recorded
 Jacob Walden (C)