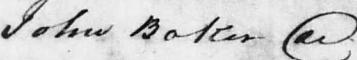


John Baker's Will

This is my last Will & Testament, made by me John Baker this 31st day of July 1855 - I give to the heirs of Eli J. Baker ~~Dec'd~~, five Dollars. And unto my son John C. Baker ~~five~~ ^{one} dollars. And I give unto my wife Nigia during her natural lifetime the black oxal & two choice milk cows. the bay mare with six of the choice hogs. Eight sheep two Beds. & furniture for the same and one cupboard & table with fifteen dollars worth of other household ^{furniture}, I also give unto her the dwelling house & premises thereunto belonging or so much of the lands as Nathaniel Senter & Andrew Pearce think fit to lay off for her all of which I give unto her during her natural lifetime which after her decease is to be equally divided between my daughters Elizabeth Davall Sarah Grier & Eveline Smith unto their several heirs all the balance of my property both real & personal including Cash Notes & all papers of value to be equally divided after paying all funeral expenses between the said Elizabeth Davall Sarah Grier & Eveline Smith or their heirs except one hundred & eighty dollars that Eveline has had more than Elizabeth & Sarah, which amount they ^{must} have to make them equal out of my estate I also appoint William B. Smith as my executor signed & sealed & delivered in presence of the day & date above written

Philip Perkins, John Baker 
James H. Senter  Jurat.

State of N. Carolina } Augt. Term 1855. I do certify that the within Ashe County } will was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Phillip Perkins & James H. Senter the subscribing witnesses to said will. Ls: Robt Gamble Clk