

## John Baker's Will

This is my last Will & Testament. made  
 by me John Baker this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1855  
 I give to the heirs of Eli J. Baker D. N. five  
 Dollars. And unto my son John C. Baker  
<sup>five dollars</sup> And I give unto my wife Higiato during  
 his natural lifetime ~~the~~ black calf and  
 two choice milk cows. the bay mare with  
 six of the choice hogs. Eight shuf two  
 Beds. & furniture for the same and one Cup  
 board & table with <sup>furniture</sup> fifty dollars worth of  
 other household <sup>furniture</sup>, I also give unto her  
 the dwelling house & premises thereto belonging  
 or so much of the land 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 Greer & 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 expen  
 ses. between the said Elizabeth Davall  
 Sarah Greer & Eveline Smith or their  
 heirs except one hundred & eighty dollars  
 that Eveline has had more than Elizabeth  
 & Sarah, which amount they <sup>must</sup> 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

Phillip Perkins

John Baker (C)

James H. Senter Jurat.

State of N. Carolina Aug. 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. Jas. Robt Gamble Clerk