

John Laws Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Laws being of sound mind and memory and know the uncertainty of life but the certainty of death do this day make devise and constitute this my last will and Testament as follows to wit

1st I wish my body to be buried in a plain decent manner and to be paid for out of my estate not here willed together with all my just debts

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Laws the lands I now live on the Mill tract of one Hundred acres together with the Mill the 35-acre tract that lying between the mill tract and the Hunt tract and 8 acres out of the Hunt tract including that portion below the crop fence the Race tract 50 acres the Lenoir tract 150 acres with the exception of about 16 acres that lay on the Hunt tract and 20 acres below the Island including the Island fields during her natural life then to descend to my beloved son -

Benjamin C. Laws and his heirs for ever I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy fifty acres of land on Mill Creek to be hers in fee simple and for her to dispose off as she may wish I also give her my mare also as much of my cattle Sheep and Hogs as she wishes also all my house hold and Kitchen furniture as she may wish also all or as much of the grain and provisions on hand and feed for the stock as she may wish or at least

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one year's support she may dispose of these things
as she may see fit I also give her my negro girl
Leate during her life then to divide amongst all
my daughters equally I also give and desire that
all of my lands not here willed be divided
equally amongst all my daughters equally share
and share alike in the proceeds thereof given
under my hand and seal this 34th day of October
1862 done in presence of us

Attest

B. C. Calloway }
Thos. J. Calloway }

John Fawcett

The foregoing will was proven in open court
by Thos. J. Calloway and ordered to be recorded
R. J. Hardin, C. R.