

In the Name of God: Amen —

I Laban Estes of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory. Blessed be God do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following Viz —

first my will is that all my lawful debts be punctually paid by my executors —

2nd Item — I give and bequeath to my loving wife two negroes named Martin and Martha during her natural life — also one Mare called Gin — also two good beds & furniture — and two good cows & calves — and also as much household furniture as she may think necessary for a decent support — and also to have the use of the land during her life or widowhood —

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Len Estes the plantation and tract of land whereon I live with all its appurtenances —

Item 4th my will is that my other tract of land commonly called the upper place be equally divided between my two daughters Nancy & Betsey —

Item 4th my will further is that all the rest of my property personal & real be equally divided amongst my three children Nancy, Betsey & Len — except that to Len I give extraordinary one negro boy named John with one feather bed & furniture — as also to Betsey extraordinary one bed & furniture — as also to the last named children each extraordinary one horse and cow — my will is that if possible my negroes be divided without a sale — by ballot or by good men chosen by my executors or otherwise —

~~Signed and sealed~~ I appoint for my executor to this my last will — my beloved friend William Puett —
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of —
this 21st Day of March — 1817.

us —
Read Right by
Wm Lovin

Laban ^{his} Estes
mark

(Seal)

at June 1817
William Duff
in witness

Copy of Will

Will

John Estlin

Wm

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Burke County 3 April Term 1817

The last will and testament of John Estlin dec'd was presented
in court by William Duff executor therein named and put
by the oath of Read Wright a witness thereto and ordered to be
recorded and on motion of Executor who qualified according
law ordered that certificate of probate be granted

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Wm M. Keith