

In the name of God amen I John Backhouse of
 Carteret County in the State of N. Carolina
 being of sound mind memory thanks be to God
 for the same do make and ordain this my last
 will and Testament in manner and form
 following.

First I commit my soul into the hands of
 God that gave it me. Hooping through the
 Merits of my Blessed Saviour to Receive free
 pardon of all my sins - - - - -
 I give and Bequeath to my
 son Allen Backhouse the west part of the
 manner plantation I live on after my wife
 Mary has lost her third B-ngher. Natrall
 life as follows Beginning at the mouth of the
 Spring Branch near the Dwelling House and
 Running up the Holland of the Spring branch
 through the orchard to a marked pine on the
 Back side of the 1st orchard thence a S^e Course
 to the Back line to him his Heirs and assigns
 for ever - I turn I give and Bequeath to
 my son John Pugh Backhouse the East part
 of the plantation Beginning at the mouth of the
 Spring and Running the Courses before mentioned
 and that line to be the Dividing line Betwixt
 my two Sons to him his Heirs and assigns
 for ever I turn I give to my wife Mary
 Backhouse my two sons Allen and John Pugh
 and three Daughters Ketley Sarah and Mary
 all my Negroes and their Issue to be Equally
 Divided amongst Them like wise sheep
 cattle and Hogs Household Goods to be
 Divided Equly amongst Them when my son
 Allen comes to the age of Twenty years old
 to them their heirs and assigns for ever my
 will and Desier is if my son Allen should
 Depart this life before he comes to the age
 of Twenty at his Death my Executors to make
 the above Division my Desier is for my
 wife to keep all the Negroes and stock
 on the plantation to school and Raise
 the Children - - -

My Desier is for my Executors to sell my
 piney land I Bought of John Russell

and all as three pieces of land I had not yet paid
 to pay my Debts and should my Children sell my two
 salt plates after the year is out with an shore D. Banner
 I do hereby utterly Revoke Dissolve Disannul all
 and Every former wills Bequests Ratifying and
 Confirming this and no other to be my last
 will and Testament. ^{made & ordain my heirs Executors of this my last}
 Solomon Shepard and Samuel
 Chapman and my son Allen Backhouse in witness
 where of I the s^t John Backhouse Have Hereunto
 put my hand and Seal this Twentieth of Sept- 1785
 one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty two

Signed Sealed and published Delivered in presence
 of us.

Tabin^{name} + works son
 W. Elby^{name} x Prescott
 Mary^{name} + Prescott

John Backhouse

Carteret March Court 1785 the above
 Will Was Proved in open court by Rob Read by
 Comparative of Hands

Rob Read clk