

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin
Bridgers Son of the County of Franklin &
State of North Carolina being of Sound Reasoning
Mind and Memory do make Publick & declare
This to be my last will & Testament - hereby Recalling all
Others in manner & form following (to wit) I Impart
I will that all my Last debts be paid as soon as possible
I then I Give to my Executors for the use of my daughter
Clark Lewis during her life One Negro woman by
the Name of old Timmy & also Another Negro Girl
by the Name of Timmy and after her death ~~that~~ I will
that the Said Negroes & their Increase be Equally divided
Between her three daughters (viz) Patsy Lewis Elizabeth
Lewis & Nancy Lewis to them & their Heirs forever
I then I Also Give to my Executors for the use of ^{my} daughter
Clark Lewis the Land whereon George Lewis now lives
it being part of the Land purchased of William Arrington
during her Natural life & then to my Two Grand Sons -
Benjamin Lewis & Benjamin Little Perry Lewis to them &
their Heirs forever.

I then I Give & bequeath to my ~~Clark~~ daughter Clark Lewis
five Shillings to her & her Heirs forever.

I then I Give & bequeath to my Son William Bridgers
One Negro woman by the Name of Sillar & one Negro
Man named Peter & one Negro Girl named Picty
& one ~~Negro~~ boy named G. Jackson To him & his Heirs
forever.

I then I Give & bequeath to my Son Josiah Bridgers -
One Negro woman named Grace & one Negro man
by the Name of Tom & one Negro boy named Ephick
& one Negro Girl named Hester and one Negro man
named Leon & one Still to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Mourning
Jones One Negro woman Named ~~the said~~ ~~her name~~ ~~to her & her heirs for~~
~~ever~~

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Son Benjn Bridges
five Shillings to him & his heirs for ever

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Grand Son Benjn James
~~One Hundred~~ five Shillings to him and his heirs
for ever

Item I will that all my perishable property (to wit)
my Stock of horses hogs & Land ^{to wit} all my Household
& Kitchen furniture be sold & the Money arising therefrom
all my Just debts be paid out of & the Balance of the
Money be Equally divided between ^{my surviving Sons &} the four eldest
Children of Mourning Jones (to wit) James Blunt Jacey
Jones Melinda Smith & Elizabeth R. Blunt & all the
Children of my Son Benjamin Bridges Junr & Benj James
& ~~James~~ to be Equally divided, & provided the said Benj
James should have returned ~~his of the~~ ^{the} above mentioned
property shall be Equally divided between the heirs of
Mourning Jones & Benjn Bridges, Junr

Item I will that the Negro Girl Cynthia be sold & the money
arising therefrom be Equally divided between my Son
Josiah Bridges & my Grand Son Guilford Lewis to them &
their heirs for ever - Lastly - I do hereby Constitute &
Josiah Bridges & John Matting my Executors to this my
Last will & Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & Seal this 8th day of September

M. B. Testified before
before signed, signed, sealed &
Relieved in presence of

Josiah Johnson

John Matting

Benjamin Bridges