

Witness thereto Then the said Will was ordered to be Recorded at the
Court the said Cautioners came into Court and Qualified themselves
for that office and prayed an order for Letters Testamentary thereon
which was accordingly granted
This Law Parker Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I John Benton jun^{or} of
Foster County & State of North Carolina being of a sound and
well Disposing mind & memory do make constitute and ordain this
to be my Last will and Testament in manner & form following that
is to say First & Principally I Recommend my Immortal part into
the Hands of the Omnipotent Author of its Existence Hoping through
him unto the Mercy of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive a full
Pardon of all my sins & when I shall leave this transient home
to be here Buried into one of the Burialling mansions of my
Country as he has Provided for all those that Love & Fear him and for the
relief of my Distresses that may arise after my Death about what
I have written I bequeath the same to be done in and for the
purpose hereunto expressed as follows to wit I give & Devise

to my son Jesse Brown Benton all my Land that I am Possessor of both in
Carolina & Virginia with all the Appurtenances to have & to hold to him
and his Heirs & assigns for ever. Secondly I leave the use of my manning Plant
to my wife Elizabeth Benton during her widowhood. Thirdly I give & assign
to my said son Jesse Brown Benton my Negro fellow who to him & his
Heirs & assigns for ever Fourthly I leave the use of my said Negro also to my wife
Elizabeth till my son comes to the age of Twenty one years then Fifthly I give my
Horse called Nansey side Saddle & Bridle to my wife Eliz^a to her and her proper
use I also give to my said wife three cows & calves to her and her proper use I also
give to my said wife Twenty Head of Hogs to her and her use also one feather
Bed & furniture to her & her proper use I also leave the use of two Large walnut
Tables to my wife till my said son Jesse comes of age I also give to my said
wife one walnut spinning wheel Sixthly I leave the Rest of my stock of Land
to be sold any the money arising from the sale to be applied to pay off my debts
and the overplus to the use of my children Seventhly I give to my said wife
Eliz^a Benton half a dozen Pewter Plates & two Pewter Dishes to her and her
proper use Eighthly I leave all the Rest & Residue of my Estate to be Equally
Divided Between my wife my son Jesse & the child that my wife is now by
with it is my will & Desire that to the Honor of God

with, it is my will & Desires that if the Negro Yellow boffer should fall to
me, that my wife should have the use of him During her Life & after her life
to the Child she is now Bigg with. I give to my Son Jesse a feather bed &
furniture to be taken out before a Division to him and his proper use
I give to the Child that my wife now goes with one feather Bed & furniture
to be taken out before the Division to that & that's proper use
Lastly I nominate & appoint my wife Elizabeth Denton to be Executor
of my Brother Jesse Denton my Executor to this my Last will & Testament
hoping he will truly fullfill the same in each & every Particular, In Witness where
of I have hereunto set my hand & seal Declaring this to be my Last will &
Testament this 10 day of June Anno Dom. 1786 John Denton
Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us Setho Sumner, Jacob Tucker
State of North Carolina Gates County J. November Superior Court
Plas and Quarter Sessions 1786 The within Will was exhibited in Court
by Elizabeth Denton Executor and Jesse Denton Executor thereto appointed
and was proved by the oath of Setho Sumner Esquire a Subscribing Witness thereto
When the said will was ordered to be Read at the same time the said Executors
and Executor came into Court and Qualified themselves for that office and
prayed an Order for Letters Testamentary thereon which was accordingly granted.

Test. This 10th June 1786