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Test J. Baker &c

In the name of God Amen, I John Powell of Gates County and State of North Carolina being of a sound and well disposing mind and memory do make, constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I leave to my loving wife Sally Powell the use of my plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and after her death as hereafter mentioned also the use of two negroes during her life to wit Lady and Susan. I also give and bequeath to my son in law Abraham Ridsick the sum of five shillings. Then I give a bequest to my daughter Polly Ridsick the negro girl named Phillis and the two boys & negroes forever.

Then I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Powell one negro man
Sark to him his heirs and assigns forever. Then I give and bequeath
to my son John Powell my mill with all the appurtenances
thereunto belonging with one acre of land at each end of
the dam to him his heirs and assigns forever. Then I give
and bequeath to my daughter Peggy Ragley the sum of one
hundred pounds to her, her heirs & assigns forever. Then
I give and bequeath to my son Jacob I. Powell my land and
plantation whereon I now live to him his heirs & assigns forever.
Then it is my will that all the rest of my negroes not already
given be equally divided between my four daughters, to wit Sarah
Powell, Sarahaba Powell, Theresa Powell and Patsy Powell
to them their heirs and assigns forever. It is my desire
that my son Samuel Powell receive the sum of fifty dollars
before mentioned is for money advanced for which my said
son Samuel has a negro man Hadar now working for
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the interest of said money which negro to be delivered to my
executors when the said fifty dollars is paid to my son Samuel.
It is my will that my marsh and desert lands be sold by
my executors and the money arising therefrom be equally divid-
ed between my seven children to wit: Polly Miner, John Powell,
Jacob J. Powell, Sally Powell, Parshaba Powell, Theresa Powell
and Patsy Powell all share and share alike to them their
heirs and assigns forever. And all the rest and residue
of my estate be it of what nature or kind soever I leave
to be equally divided between my wife my son John Jacob
J. Powell, Sally Powell, Parshaba Powell, Theresa Powell and
Patsy Powell all share and share alike. Lastly I name
and appoint my son Jacob J. Powell and my friend
Hiram Ballard to be my executors to this my last will
and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto

my hand and seal this twenty first day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.
Signed sealed published and declared by the testator to be
his last will and Testament in presence of

Henry Moroney
David Powell

John ^{his} F Powell ^{seal}
mark

State of North Carolina
Gates County

May County Court of Pleas &c 1804

The last will and Testament of John Powell dec^d was exhibited into
court by Jacob F Powell of the executors therein appointed and was proven
by the oath of Henry Moroney one of the subscribing witnesses thereof
and on motion was ordered to be recorded at the same time
the said executor came into court and qualified himself
for that office and prayed an order for letters Testamentary
thereon &c

In the name of God Amen I Daniel Williams of Gates County