

Gates County & November County Court of Plas Co 1805.

The within will was in open Court exhibited by Grace Eason the executor therein appointed, and was proved by the oath of Joseph Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and on Motion was ordered to be recorded, at the same time the said Executor came into Court and was duly qualified for that office and prayed an order for Letters testamentary thereon which was accordingly granted to

Teste L. Baker C.C.

In the name of God Amen I Miles Benton 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 Viz. Inprimis I leave to my loving wife Mary Benton the use of one third part of my land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and after her death to be disposed of as hereafter mentioned I do give and bequeath to my said Wife one feather

bed and furniture with a bedstead and curtains belonging to them
and also two chests one a pine and the other aypress one also a
Walnut dressing table and dressing glass also two large looking
glasses also one small trunk to him and then his negroes
I then I give and bequeath to John Satam Ales Benton the other
thirds of my land and plantation whereon I now live and after
the death of my wife the other thirds to him his heirs & assigns
I then I leave to my brother Josiah Benton the use of my
land and plantation whereon he now lives during his life
and after his death it is my will and desire that the said
land be equally divided between my two nephews Seth
Benton and Henry Benton to them and their heirs & assigns
I then I give and bequeath to John Satam Ales Benton the land and plan-
tation whereon John Saunders lived with as much land joining
thereto as will make fifty acres of the whole to him his heirs and
assigns forever. I then it is my will and desire that the balance
of land and plantation

of lands wherein these fifty acres are given to John Latham
Benton are taken out of, be equally divided between my two
nephews, Jethro and Henry Benton to them their heirs & assigns
Item It is my will and desire that my land and plantation so
purchased of Luke Sumner be sold by my executors in a
credit of twelve months and the money arising therefrom
to be let at interest and the interest arising from the principal
be applied to building a school house, and hiring of a teacher
for the purpose of a free school, and that said school house be
built within two miles of the place where I now reside and
all children within four miles of my place of residence be
permitted to be taught in said school. It is my desire that
the court appoint commissioners to superintend said free school
from year to year during time. Item I give and bequeath to
my sister-in-law Elizabeth Benton wife of Joseph Benton
one negro girl named Clarkey to be at her service during

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I now give and bequeath to my friend Nedas Bullard my residing
Adams to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item It is my will
and desire that all my personal estate of all kinds excepting negroes
be sold and the money arising therefrom go towards paying my
just debts and if there should not be money sufficient
to discharge my just debts it is my Will that my executor
sell as many of my negroes discretionally as will be sufficient
to satisfy all my just debts. Item I give and bequeath to my
Wife Nancy Benton one third part of all my negroes after my
debts are paid to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item
It is my will and desire that the other two thirds of my
negroes not already given be equally divided between John
Jatam alias Benton, Buckey Benton, Elizabeth E. Benton, Patey
Benton, Sethus Benton, Henry Bentons and Mary Benton wife of
Mills Bentons, all share and share alike to them their heirs and
assigns forever. Item It is my will and desire that my house
at the cross roads meeting house with two acres of land on each
side the road leading to Panton, Virginia.

and the road leading to Edenton or joining the cross road leading
to the creek he leased or rented as my executors think proper and
the money arising therefrom be appropriated to the same purposes as
the money arising from the sale of the land I purchased of
Duke Sumner and continue for the same term. I then give in
bequest to my sister in law Elizabeth Benton widow of Sethra Benton
one hundred dollars per year out of a lease rent from William Benton
for ten years, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I then all
the rest and residue of my estate of what kind soever I leave to be
divided as follows one third part to my loving wife Mary
Benton and the other two thirds to be divided between the two
sons of Josiah Benton, John Benton alias Benton and the three
daughters of Sethra Benton and all share and share alike.
Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Haden Ballou
and Thomas Parker to be my executors to this my last will and testament
to wit of such of them as come to my hand and seal the said my
last will and testament to be published and proved by the testator
in the presence of

Niles Benton

State of North Carolina

Gates County 3 November County Court of Pleas & Sessions
Last Will and Testament of Oliver Benton of &c &c and while
intercourse by Adam Ballance & Thomas Barker executors then
now appointed and was proved by the oaths of Joseph
John Sumner & Jacob Benton two of the subscribing wit-
nesses thereto, and an exco. was ordered to be recorded
at the same time the said exco. came into court
and qualified themselves for that office &c

In the name of God Amen ^{test} I Piddick of the County of Gates and State
of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind blessed be God
do this 20th day of January 1806 make and publish this my
last will and Testament in manner following. That is to say
First I wish all my Just debts to be paid by my exor. hereaf-
ter named, out of the property I may leave behind me
Items I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Piddick