

August Term, 1855.

John Barton's will

In the name of God amen, I John Barton of the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence I do this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one make publish and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say.

First- It is my will and desire that my sons shall have my lands as hereinafter directed and provided among five oldest sons namely William S. Barton, John W. Barton, Basil Barton, Isaac W. Barton and Jesse Barton have already got deeds for their full share of my land I therefore authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter named to make and execute deeds to my other sons Franklin Barton, Eli Barton and Calvin Barton when occasion may require as hereinafter directed provided I do not make them deeds during my life time - It is further my will and desire that my two youngest sons Eli and Calvin shall have my two home plantations - and that my wife Betty Barton shall have the homestead place wherein I now live during her widowhood and to have her choice which of the two

that my wife Betty Burton shall have the homestead place whereat I
now live during her widowhood and to have her choice which of the two
youngest sons shall live with her and at the expiration of her widow-
hood he that lives with her shall have the homestead place. It is also
my will that my sons Eli and Calvin shall have each of them a horse
and saddle equal with my older sons who have had such. It is further
my will that my two youngest daughters Martha Burton and Eliza-
beth Burton shall each have wheels, bureau, towel, cubber and household and
kitchen furniture such as my older and married daughters have already
had. I further will and bequeath to my youngest son Franklin, Eli
and Calvin my three guns and after my decease if more property
should be necessary for the use of my widow and
the family to have the use of, it is my will that it shall be sold and
the proceeds thereof put to interest by my executors and after the deca-
se of my widow it is my will that all my personal estate then
remaining on hand shall be equally divided among my daughters share
and share alike and further I wish my two youngest daughters Martha
and Elizabeth in addition to the bequest I have as above made them
that they shall have some sheep as the older ones have had.

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John Burtons Will continued

Lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my friend Nathan Hunt Jr. my sole executor to execute and carry out this my last will & Testament according to the true intent and meaning thereof with full power and authority to execute deeds and letters to any lands that may be necessary to convey, hereby revoking, annulling and making void all other and former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written

Signed and acknowledged
in presence of witnesses
are hereunto signed

William H. Hunt

Thomas H. Blair (Deed)

John Burton Esq.

(North Carolina. } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Guilford County } August Term, 1855.
The foregoing last will & Testament

date above written

Signed and acknowledged
in presence of witnesses names
are hereunto signed

Nathan H. Hunt

Thomas H. Blair (small)

John Burden Esq.

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The foregoing last Will & Testament is produced in
open court, by Nathan Hunt, the executor therein named, &
the due legal execution thereof is proven by the oath of
Thomas H. Blair, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
and sworn to be true. Whereupon Nathan
Hunt the Executor named in said Will, came
into open court and renounced his right
of Executorship.

Sydney Swain c.c.