

Benjamin Marshall Deice

Whom named came in and was duly qualified there to
Witness
Long letter

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Marshall of
Hendrix County & State of North Carolina, being in Good Health
and sound mind & Memory, do make & publish this my last will
& Testament in Manner & form following Viz³— It is my Desire
& Will that the Plantation on Fishing Creek which I purchased
of William Jackson Senr. I give to my son Howell Bowser
Marshall—to be held out yearly until he comes to the age
of Twentyone, and the profits arising from the same after my
Debts are paid to be appropriated to the Education of my said
son Howell— Then, the plantation wherein I now live if
the Child which my Wife is now Pregnant with should be
a boy I give to him & his Heirs forever, should it be a Girl
I wish it divided between her & her Two sisters Elizabeth
& Polly— Then, should the rent of my Land before mentioned
not be sufficient to pay my Debts as fast as they become due I
wish my Executors to sell my Stock and the Money arising from
the sale of the same to be also appropriated to the payment
of my Just Debts— Should that be sufficient, my Executors all

391 Will I am proceed to sell Negroes in the manner following (1803)
first I am, & her children, should I have any - secondly Harcourt, Thira
Negro fellow I am & I am, should that not be sufficient, to provide to
sell any other negroes that he may think proper - Third, I give
unto my dearly beloved wife Nancy Marshall the use of the Plantation
wherein I now live together with all the household &
Kitchen Furniture, Two Cows & calves & one Horse such as she
may make choice of, to remain hers during her natural life
and at her Death to be equally divided among all my chil-
dren - I also leave all the Negroes that may be remaining
after enough are sold to pay my Dutch Debts, to my Dearly beloved
wife during life and at her Death to be equally divided betw-
een all my children - I leave my Friend & Retainer, Harding
Marshall my sole Executor, Given under my Seal this 2nd Day
of February 1803 -

Ben^d Marshall 

Charles Keble }
Allen Marshall }
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Halifax County N.C.

May 1st 1803 Then This Will was exhibited in
open Court and duly proved by the oath of Allen Marshall one
of the witnesses thereto and an motion ordered to be Recorded
Witness