Richard Elyea Esq

Blake Pitman's Will

Halifax County State of N Carolina, Know all men that I Blake Pitman do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in the following manner form to wit Item I give & my Son Samuel G. Pitman in full of his part of my estate five pounds & him & his assigns &c in the room & place I give & my daughter Henry N. Pitman two negroes to wit Jill and Mary five Hundred Dollars the money & them no Interest till they arrive to the age of Sixteen years old and an equal part of all the rest of my Property Land excepted after my debts are paid, In the third place I give to my Son Blake Pitman one negro boy named Albert & the Land that I now live on with the addition of part of the tract of Land that I bought of Thomas N. Crowell Say lying between Mrs Burges Mill Swamp and the road as far as Crowells Cross roads and down said Road & the Jim Cat Branch this is the in full of his part of my Land, In the fourth place my will and desire is that the rest of my Land may be equally divided between my four sons to wit Edward G. Pitman Jr. John Pitman, Thos G. Pitman & Henry Pitman Say divide agreeably to quantity and quality and be decided when Edward arrives at the age of

Twenty One years or Marries. Furthermore I wish my property all
Kept together for the raising & Schooling of my Children till
Edward arrives at the age of Twenty One years or marries as
aforesaid. or my Wife Nancy in that case I wish my Wife to take
Charpart and the balance to remain undivided until Edward arrives to
age as aforesaid - and after examining my bonds & accounts if they are
not sufficient to pay my Debts I wish my Negro man Gray sold
with as much of my Stock as will discharge them, my Will & desire is
that I wish all the rest of my property not given away to be equally
divided between all my Children Except Daniel C. Pitman, my Will is
that he part with one Cow & Calf - In Witness whereof I do acknowledge this
to be my last Will & Testament. Signed and Sealed in the presence of us
this 31st August 1819 -

Blake Pitman (Seal)

Sally Burges
Jun. John Burges

Halifax County } When this Will was exhibited in Open Court & proved
May Sess 1822 } by Oath of John Burges subscribing Witness thereto -
On Motion Ordered to be Recorded Whereupon
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take her part when ever she wishes — In Witny whereof I do acknowledge this
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August the 31st 1819 — Blake Putman Seal

Sally Burges
Test John Burges

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On Motion Ordered to be Recorded Whereupon
Nancy Putman the Widow & relict appeared in Court & entered her
dissent to the Will of her dec.d Husband — Test Richard Eppes Clk

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In the Name of God Amen I Abrah.m Smith being of Sound mind