

James Baker, Jr.

In the Name of God Amen, I James Baker of the County
of Halifax one state of North Carolina being sick and weak in Body but of
perfect sound mind and memory, Calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing
that appointed for all men once to dye, do make and Ordain this my last Will &
Testament in manner & form following Vizt First I will that all my lawfull debts be
paid by my Executors. Secondly after my debts are paid I give unto my beloved wife
Winifred all the residue of my Estate both real & personal during her natural life
and after her death my Will is that the residue of my Estate both real & personal
that I have unto my beloved wife Winifred be sold and equally divided between my daugh-
ter Sally and my son James Wright Baker to them & their heirs forever; be it remembered
that that the property of my wife is for the support of my two Children —
Lastly, I nominate and appoint my friend Matthew C. Whitaker whole Sole Executor of
this my last Will & Testament revoking & annulling all former Wills by me made In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this 14th day of October 1799 —
Signed Sealed & acknowledged
In presence of —

John Smith William Milley Junr

James Baker

Halifax County, N.C.

November Sessions 1799 Then this will was Exhibited
in Open Court & duly proved by the Oath of William Milley Junr one of the
subscribing Witnesses thereto and on motion Ordered to be Recorded whereupon Matthew
C. Whitaker the Executor therein named came in and was duly qualified thereto
Witness
Matthew C. Whitaker