

I give Brinkley one acre

In the name of God Amen the _____ day in the year of
our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety I Josiah
Brinkley being in Halifax County in the Province of North Carolina
being very Sick & weak in body, of Perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be
to God for it, & Calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to Die do make & ordain this
my last will & Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all
I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it
and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Chris-
tian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again
by the ~~Power~~ Mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly
Estate, which it hath pleased God to bless me in this life with, I Give
Devise & Dispose of the same in manner & form following that is to say,
in the first place I Give my Brother Josiah Brinkley one hundred
dollars in Bonds, and twenty Dollars in Cash, my Saddle & Bridle.
Secondly, I Give my Sister Christian Brinkley fifty Dollars in Cash
also my Shavings Horse, also one Cow and Yearling 3rd I Give my
father Abraham Brinkley fifty Dollars in Cash 4th I Give the rest
of my Estate to Josiah Brinkley and Christian Brinkley to be
Divided between them, I also make & ordain Josiah Brinkley, &
William Brinkley my whole & Sub Executor of this my last will & Testament

Clauses between them, I also make & make Jonath Brinkley, &
William Brinkley my whole & sole Executor of this my last will &
Testament, & I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, & disannul all and
every other former Testament or will made by me in any
ways before this time ~~made~~ named valid & legitimate, ratifying &
Confirming this last, no other to be my last will and Testament
in testimony whereof I have ^{here} unto set my hand and Seal the day
& year above written —

John Brinkley

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Memorandum Sep: 10th 1803 (Held) This paper purporting to be
The last will & Testament of Jerry Brinkley dec: was exhibited in the Court
and whereupon Asham Matthews made oath that he found the same
amongst the valuable papers of the dec: and thereupon Matthew, Philip
Phillips deponent, & Asham Matthews being sworn, say that they were
well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Jerry Brinkley
deceased and that they believed he the said Jerry wrote the aforesaid paper
purporting to be as aforesaid with his own proper hand, it is
therefore the Opinion of the Court that it is his will and an
Motion ordered to be Recorded —

Witness my hand
J. D. Smith