

Stephen Barker Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Stephen Barker of Halifax
County & in the Province of North Carolina Being Sick & weak of
Body but of Perfect sound Memory. Thanks be to God for the same
& on Consideration that Life & Time is Uncertain. I Doth Make &
Ordain this my last Will & Testament. I Give or Recommend
my Soul into the Hands of God that Give it & my Body I
Recommend to the Earth, or Discretion of my friends or Executors
But as to my worldly Estate. I Give Desire Bequeath & Dispose
of the same in the following Manner viz.

Impaired. I Leave all my Horses & as much of my Household Furniture
as will sell for as much Money as will pay all my just Debts &
for the same to be sold by the hands of my Executors & Equitable to
Our Laws for to pay the Above mentioned Debts. —
Item. I Give to my Loving wife Mary Barker One Negro Woman
call'd Nan & all her Increase & all the Remainder of my Estate
during the time of her Natural Life or Widowhood —

Item. I Give to my three Children Namely William Barker, Stephen
Barker & Sarah Barker. After the Death of my Loving Wife —
or the End of her Widowhood my Negro Woman call'd Nan & all
her Increase & all the Remainder of my Estate to be Equally

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for the same to be sold by the hands of my Executors & Equitable to
Our Laws for to pay the Above mentioned Debts. —
Item. I give to my Loving wife Mary Barker One Negro Woman,
Call'd? Nan & all her Increase & all the Remainder of my Estate
During the time of her Natural Life or Widowhood —

Item. I Give to my three Children Namely William Barker, Stephen
Barker & Sarah Barker. After the Death of my Loving Wife —
or the End of her Widowhood my Negro Woman Call'd? Nan & all
her Increase & all the Remainder of my Estate to be Equally
Divided Between them.

I Likewise do constitute make & Appoint my Brother Joshua
Barker & William Vaughan my Only & Sole Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament & doth hereby utterly Disallow Revoke
& Decannul all & Every Other former Testament Will & Legacy
by me or any ways before this present time. And doth hereby
Ratifying & Confirming this & None Other to be my Last Will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
Signed my Seal & Dated this third Day of Feby. One thousand seven

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Hundred and Eighty five
 Legnd Seal & Acknowledged
 In the Presence of us
 Benjⁿ Sells Jun^r, Lewis ^{his} Brewer
 David ^{his} Brewer
 mark.

Stephen Barker

Halifax County N.C. Feb. 27. 1883.

Then this Will was Read & duly Proved in Open Court by the Oath of
 Benjⁿ Sells One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who on his Oath
 Did say that he saw the Testator sign seal publish & Declare this
 to be his Last Will & Testament & that at the time of signing the
 same he was of sound mind & memory to the best of his knowledge
 & belief & on Motion Ordered To be Recorded
 Test J. M. Wooten C. C.

In the Name of God Amen: I David Marshall of Halifax County
 North Carolina, being Sick & weak of Body, but in perfect Senses Mind
 & Memory do hereby, Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner
 and form as follows viz^t
 In witness I Give & bequeath to my Eldest Son William Marshall firm
 Dollars

Marshall will