

Last will and testament
signed sealed and acknowledged this Instrument of
Writing to be & contain my last will and testament
November 7th 1808.

signed sealed and acknowledged
In presence of ^{his} John B. Benson
Valentine Swindell?

Rubin Benson } Hyde County p. May term 1811
The Due Execution of this Last will & testament of John Benson
Died, was Exhibited into Court by the Executor & proved by the
oath of Valentine Swindell one of the subscribing Witnesses
& ordered to be Recorded

Attest R. Forman Clerk—
Transcribed Feb. 12th 1811
From Record of Wills and accounts
No. 3. Page 296
P. D. Harris c.c.

In the name of God Amen, the sixth day of August AD, I Andrew
Hyde County and State of North Carolina Being weak and sick
in body but of perfect mind and memory, thank be to God, for the
same do make and ordain this my Last will and testament
that is to say Principally and first of all, I give & Recommend
my soul to God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be
buried in a decent manner and as to my earthly Estate
which it hath pleased God to Endow me with, I give and
bequeath in manner & form following. I then, I give and
bequeath unto my son Jacob Benson one dollar & then
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Benson one
pail table after my death. I then, I give and bequeath unto my
Daughter Mary Benson the half of a negro boy Jim after my death
I then, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Benson
one Negro Girl named Edney and one Iron pot. I then, all the
Rest of my property which I possess after my decease I give
unto my three Daughters namely Ann Benson, Mary Benson
& Moming Benson, and if either of the three afore named
Girls should Die without Lawfull heirs my will is that
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The succeeding one or two should inherit the whole. Lastly,
I do hereby hand & appoint my Brother in law, James B. Benson Executor
to this my Last will and testament & Decembling & following & giving
all other wills or bonds heretofore by me made allowing & confirming
this only to be my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal, in presence of, this Day & Date above
written, signed sealed & pronounced in presence of

Richard. Corner?
John Poston } ^{his} Anne X Benson Seal

The Due Execution of this will was proved by the oath of Richard
Corner one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded
Attest R. Forman Clerk—

Transcribed Feb. 12th 1811
From Record of Wills & Accts.
No. 3. Page 521
P. D. Harris c.c.

In the name of God Amen, I William Mullison being sick and weak
of Body but of a sound disposing mind and memory, thank
be to God, and calling to mind the mortality of man and that it is
appointed for all men, once to Die I do make this my Last
will and testament in manner & form following. First I
Recommend my soul in the hands of God who gave it and my
body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter
mentioned, and as for such worldly Estate as it hath pleas-
ed God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath in writing
as follows. I do hereby bequeath to my well beloved wife
Sarah Mullison my house & plantation whereon I now live
and all that belongs thereto during her natural Life or
widowhood. I then, I bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah
Mullison during her natural Life or widowhood all my
Negro and stock all that I possess and all my household
furniture. I then, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved
son Christopher M. Mullison after my wife's death the
part of Land my house & in the beginning of a history on the
Eastern side of the branch on the River where you go to
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