

and no other. In witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal (affixed my seal) the day and date first above written. Signed sealed in the presence of us
 William Hinton }
 Jonathan Driver }

Matthew Woodard Seal
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Johnston County Court May Term 1847
 Then was the foregoing will of Matthew Woodard deceased proven in open court by the oaths of William Hinton and Jonathan Driver the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley Clerk

Will of Elijah Baker

I Elijah Baker of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First That my executor or administrators shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses to gather with my just debts out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally the tract of land lying on the east side of the Mingo Branch for and during the term of her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said tract to my daughter Susan.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rhoda all the land on the west side of Mingo Branch the said branch to be the dividing line between my daughter Susan & Rhoda to have and to hold to her and her heirs in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally two cows and calves her choice also the company of hogs that she generally feeds to her and to my daughter Susan in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Rhoda the company of hogs that I generally feed myself also one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Susan one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Mimmy Blackman and my sons James, Chen, William and John Baker each one cow and calf to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my beloved wife Sally all the ballance of my stock not mentioned above also my house and cart plough & gear bridle and two saddle and all of my farming tools of every description and all of the household and kitchen furniture with the exception of two beds to her in fee simple forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughters Rhoda & Susan one bed and furniture each to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son William my rifle and shot bag to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my daughter Sally Blackman ten dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item And lastly I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Elijah Baker do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13 day of May A.D. 1846 Signed Sealed, published and declared by the said Elijah Baker to be his last will and testament in the presence of us at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

Elijah Baker Seal
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John F. Sanders
 Thomas Ingram

Will of John Atkinson Sr

In the name of God Amen, John Atkinson Sr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and devise it may be seen by all as such.

First I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merit and meditation of my most compassionate Redeemer Christ who gave himself to be and atone for my sins.

able to save to the uttermost—all that-come unto God by him ~~seeming~~ he ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent-sinner when I come to him for mercy in the hopes and confidence I send up my soul with ~~can~~not-humbly beseeching the most-blessed and glorious Trinity-our God most-holy, most-merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of any dissolution and then to take me to himself in to that-peace and rest-and incomparably felicity-which he has prepared for that-love and fear his holy name Amen, blessed be God.

I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial I devise it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence.

As to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid

First - I lend to my dear and loving wife for the term of her life this house wherein I now dwell with all the furniture with the exception of what is hereafter bequeathed to my other heirs together with several tracts or parcels of land as follows viz, beginning at a sweet gum on the fork of Kucie River nearly opposite to the upper corner of my fence on the plantation where my overseer John Atkinson Jr now lives it being the plantation I purchased of General Daniel Born thence as said fence runs to the mouth of a lane near where the line that divides the land I purchased of Benjamin Stevens nearly opposite the corner of the cow pasture thence a straight line to the path opposite of the cow pasture bars near the slough thence along the said path up the side of the slough to where it crosses the eastern fringe of the slough thence up said slough to D. H. Whitteys line thence with his line to a pine on the run of Moscoran Swamp little above the bridge thence up the various courses of said swamp crossing the Mill dam at the old run and running up the various courses of said swamp to a black Gum near the run of said swamp opposite William Capps field thence with the line of a tract of land I purchased of William Capps to a corner near the Daughby Place old fence thence said one of said Capps other line to a pine Borns corner thence straight line to the slough a white oak down Bulls and Borns old corner near the Patterson Place thence down the edge of the slough to the bridge on the run dam

at the old path thence a straight-line to the run of Bough swamp opposite the upper end of the Roanoke old field thence up the meanders of said swamp to James Raiford's line to Pease River thence down the meanders of said River to the beginning. Also the following mentioned and described tracts of land to wit; two tracts known by the name of Nea Jerusalem tract lying on Watery Branch one tract lying on the ^{west side} of Nebecason Swamp adjoining my mill pond and Dr H. Whitney John Holloways and others another tract lying on the south side of Pease River known by the name of the Red tract where my servant Shaffer formerly lived and also that part of a tract of land that I purchased of Willis Hall and others of H. E. Bryan his lying above a line beginning in the line of the said Hall & Collins tract near the lower corner of the Buck Island field and running a direct-line to the upper corner of the Red field near where Shaffer formerly lived thence to Pease River about midway between Shaffer's landing and the white oak field at the River.

Secondly I leave unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson during her natural life all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on the plantation where I now reside and also all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on my quarter where my servant Thosper lives at Buck Island at my decease.

And I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson and to her heirs and assigns forever all the stock of all kinds all waggons and carts all Hackeniths tools all farming tools and all cooking utensils all corn and meat that may be on the plantation

I do loan to her in this will at my decease and also
one pleasure carriage and harness four feather beds and
furniture and also all my household and kitchen furniture
not disposed of in this my last will also one of the
tracts of land on the north east-side of my mill stream
that Abby Exum has her life estate in I give to my
wife during her life should she survive the said Abby
This place is known by the name of the Robin place and
joins lands of John Holland, Doctor H. Whittier & William
Cox All the lands that the waters of my mill stream down
are not included in the said Abby Exum life estate.

Also I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson
to her heirs and assigns forever all the stocks of all kinds
that may be living on all the lands on the south side of the

able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeming he ever liveth to make intercession for them and who I trust will not reject me a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in the hopes and confidence I send up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity our God most holy, most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself in to that peace and rest and incomprehensible felicity which he has prepared for that love and fear his holy name Amen, blessed be God.

I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day As for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my executor's hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence.

As to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid

First. I lend to my dear and loving wife for the term of her life this house wherein I now dwell with all the furniture with the exception of what is hereafter bequeathed to my other heirs together with several tracts or parcels of land as follows viz. beginning at a sweet gum on the fork of Pease River nearly opposite to the upper corner of my fence on the plantation where our overseer John Atkinson Jr now lives, it being the plantation I purchased of General Daniel Boone thence as said fence runs to the mouth of a lane near where the line that divides the land I purchased of Benjamin Stevens nearly opposite the corner of the cow pasture thence a straight line to the path opposite of the cow pasture bars near the slough thence along the said path up the side of the slough to where it crosses the pasture front of the slough thence up said slough, to Dr. H. Whitley's line thence with his line to a pine on the run of Moscoean Swamp little above the bridge thence up the various courses of said swamp crossing the Mill dam at the old run and running up the various courses of said swamp to a black gum near the run of said swamp opposite William Capps' field thence with the line of a tract of land I purchased of William Capps to a corner near the Daughby Place old fence thence said one of said Capps' other line to a pine Boons corner thence a straight line to the slough a white oak down Bulls and Boons old corner near the Patterson place thence down the edge of the slough to the bridge on the new dam

at the old path thence a straight line to the run of Pease swamp opposite the upper end of the Roentuck old field thence up the meanders of said swamp to James Raifords line to Pease River thence down the meanders of said River to the beginning Also the following mentioned and described tracts of land to wit; two tracts known by the name of Haa Jernigans tract lying on Watery Branch one tract lying on the ^{right} side of Moscoean Swamp adjoining my mill pond and Dr. H. Whitley John Holloways and others another tract lying on the south side of Pease River known by the name of the Reale tract where my servant Chasfer formerly lived and also that part of a tract of land that I purchased of Willis Hall and others of H. G. Bryan his lying above a line beginning in the line of the said Hall & Collins tract near the lower corner of the Buck Island field and running a direct line to the upper corner of the Red field near where Chasfer formerly lived thence to Pease River about midway between Chasfer's landing and the white oak field at the river.

Secondly. I loan to my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson during her natural life all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on the plantation where I now reside and also all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on my quarters where my servant Chasfer lives at Buck Island at my decease.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson and to her heirs and assigns forever all the stock of all kinds all waggons and carts all blacksmiths tools all farming tools and all cooking utensils all corn and meat that may be on the plantation

I do loan to her in this will at my decease and also one pleasure carriage and harness four feather beds and furniture and also all my household and kitchen furniture not disposed of in this my last will also one of the tracts of land on the north east side of my mill stream that Abby Exum has her life estate in I give to my wife during her life should she survive the said Abby This place is known by the name of the Robin place and joins lands of John Holland, Doctor H. Whitley & William Cox All the lands that the waters of my mill stream drains are not included in the said Abby Exum life estate.

Also I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson to her heirs and assigns forever all the stock of all kinds that may be living on all the lands on the south side of

able to save, to the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeming he ever liveth to make intercession for them and I trust will not reject one a returning penitent sinner when I come to him for mercy in the hopes and confidence I send up my soul with comfort-humbly beseeching the most-blessed and glorious Trinity-one God most-holy, most-merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of any dissolution and then to take me to himself in to that peace and rest and incomparable felicity-which he has prepared for that-love and fear his holy name Amen, blessed be God.

I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day. As for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence.

As to my worldly estate I will and positively order that all my debts be paid

First- I lend to my dear and loving wife for the term of her life this house wherein I now dwell with all the furniture with the exception of what is hereafter bequeathed to my other heirs together with several tracts & parcels of land as follows viz, beginning at a sweet gum on the fork of Kuisse River nearly opposite to the upper corner of my fence on the plantation where our oversees John Atkinson Jr now lives it being the plantation I purchased of General Daniel Bown thence as said fence runs to the mouth of a lane near where the line that divides the land I purchased of Benjamin Stevens nearly opposite the corner of the cow pasture thence a straight-line to the path opposite of the cow pasture bars near the slough thence along the said path up the side of the slough to where it crosses the eastern brong of the slough thence up said slough to D. H. Whittier's line thence with his line to a pine on the run of Moscooson Swamp little above the bridge thence up the various courses of said swamp crossing the Mill dam at the old run and running up the various courses of said swamp to a black Gum near the run of said swamp opposite William Caffs field thence with the line of a tract of land I purchased of William Caffs to a corner near the Daughby Place old fence thence said one of said Caffs other line to a pine Bown corner thence straight-line to the slough a white oak down Bull and Bown old corner near the Patterson Place thence

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secondly I leave to my beloved wife Theresa Atkinson during her natural life all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on the plantation where I now reside and also all the negroes and their future increase that shall be living on my quarters where my servant Shosher lives at Buck Island at my decease.

Kindly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Atkinson and to her heirs and assigns forever all the stock of all kinds all waggons and carts all blacksmiths tools all farming tools and all cooking utensils all corn and meat that may be on the plantation

I do loan to her in this will at my decease and also
my pleasure carriage and harness four feather beds and
furniture and also all my household and kitchen furniture
not disposed of in this my last will also one of the
tracts of land on the north east side of my mill stream
that Abby Exum has her life estate in I give to my
wife during her life should she survive the said Abby.
This place is known by the name of the Robin Place and
joins lands of John Holland, Doctor H. Whittier & William
Cox. All the lands that the waters of my mill stream down
are not included in the said Abby Exum life estate.
Also I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Robinson
the house and barns upon the lot of the estate

River in which she has a life estate in by virtue of the
my last will and testament.

Fourthly I give and demise unto my beloved son Elijah Atkinson to
him his heirs and assigns forever the following property to wit
All the lands and plantations that I own on the south side of
House River excepting the lifetime right of my wife to the
lands bound to her on the south side of said House River
to him and his heirs forever.

And I also give and bequeath to him my said son Elijah
Atkinson and to him his heirs and assigns forever all the
negros and their future increase all the stock and property
of every description that shall be on my plantation at the
standing on the south side of House River where my overseer
Ezekiel Stevens now lives also all the negros and their future
increase and all stock and property of every description
that shall be on my plantation commonly called the old
Billy Stevens place where my overseer Mills Howell now
lives at my decease. Also all the negros and their future
increase and all stock and property of every description
that shall be on my plantation called the Bryant or
Bryan place where overseer Williams lives at my decease.

Fifthly I give and bequeath and demise unto my beloved daughter
Nancy Ann Ritchie to her and her heirs and assigns
forever all the lands that I own above the new road
leading from Smithfield to the widow and also all the
negros and their future increase and all the stock and
property that shall be on said lands of every description
whatever at my decease.

Sixthly I give and demise unto my beloved son Thomas Hamis
Atkinson to him and his heirs and assigns forever all the
land that I own lying below Waynesboro in Wayne County
in the aforesaid State of North Carolina lying partly
on the waters of Richland branch & Johns Pocoson known by
the name of the Atkinson place and wild cat place, also
all the negros and their future increase all the stock
and property of every description that shall be on the said
lands at my decease also three notes of hand on George
Meares for one thousand and fifty dollars bearing date and
dated 1st of January 1847, each note for three hundred
and fifty dollars and secured by giving John Everett and
Whitman Thompson as securities I give to him his heirs and
assigns forever.

Seventhly I give and bequeath and demise unto my beloved son
William Francis Atkinson to him and his heirs and assigns
forever all the lands that I own lying in the aforesaid County
of Wayne on House River and between Noocason Swamp and Little
River including the Wise plantation & others and also all the
negros and their future increase all the stock and property
that shall be on said place of every description whatever
at my decease.

Eighthly I give bequeath and demise unto my beloved son Richard
Hardy Atkinson to him and his heirs and assigns forever all
the lands that I own lying in the fork of House River and
Noocason Swamp below the lands bound to my wife in the first
part of this will and all the negros and their future increase
all the stock and property of every description that shall
be on said place at my decease and also all the following
described tracts of land (to wit) one tract that I purchased
of Barnabas Bulls called the old Barna Bulls place or tract
one other tract that I purchased of Sea Jernigan heirs
called the old William Bulls tract and also all that tract
of land that I purchased of General Boon known by the name
of the old Jo Boon tract not bound to my wife in the second
part of this will lying between the lands bound to my wife
and James Raiford and House River and also all the lands
that I purchased of Daniel Boon aforesaid adjoining the
aforesaid tracts.

Ninthly I give and bequeath unto my beloved grand daughter
Mary Elizabeth Atkinson to her and her heirs and assigns forever
the following described lands (to wit) one tract lying on both sides
of the Great Branch that I purchased of Barnabas Bulls adjoining
Dixon Phillips, Willie Woodard & others one other tract
adjoining the same Franklin, Phillips & others & known by
the name of the John Thompson place and also one other
tract adjoining the last mentioned tract Jo Woodard and
others lying in the County of Johnston and State aforesaid,
and on the waters of Sandy Swamp also all the negros and
their future increase that shall be living on the place
called Pine Grove where my overseer Bryan Langley now lives
at my decease. But nevertheless if the said Mary E.
Atkinson my grand daughter aforesaid dies without issue
then and in that case my will and devise is that
said tract of land given her and all the

their increase left to her as aforesaid shall devolve and come back to four of my other children and to their heirs and assigns forever (to wit) Nancy Ann Mitchiner, Thomas H. Atkinson, William F. Atkinson and Richard H. Atkinson to be equally divided between them

Tenthly My will and desire is that the lands on the north side of Neuse River which I have loaned to my wife Phoebe for and during her natural life as aforesaid shall be divided as follows (viz) all the land lying in the fork of Neuse River and Barody Swamp up to James Raiford's line also an other tract beginning on the N^o side of Neuse River bank at the upper corner of Big Bay old field at a small gut running that gut to Mill Gut at another corner of the Big Bay old field thence down said gut to the fork of said gut thence up the south eastern frong of said gut to the Bars on said hill thence along the old pasture fence upon the side of the said hill to the fork or cross path thence straight to the mouth of a bone that divides Benjamin Stevens and General Beers lot of land to a line already given to my son Richard thence with that line and the fence to the beginning corner a sweet gum on the north side of Neuse River bank thence up the meanders of the river including the plantation commonly known the widow Stevens place the two said tracts I give, will and demise to my beloved son Richard H. Atkinson to him and to his heirs and assigns forever after his mother's decease also all the balance of the land that I have loaned to my wife Phoebe that lies on the north side of Neuse River I give and demise after her decease to my two sons William Francis Atkinson & Thomas H. Atkinson to be equally divided between them and their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath to my son Thomas my surveying compass and instruments and my new shot gun and one feather bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever

I also give and bequeath to my son William his choice of my old shot guns and one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Ann Mitchiner two feather beds and their furniture which I have already given to her to her heirs and assigns forever

Also I give and bequeath to my son Richard my shot gun not disposed of in this will and one feather bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Eleventh My will and desire is that all and every part of my bank stock consisting of one hundred and fifty shares in various Banks of this

State of North Carolina shall be equally between my wife Phoebe and five children (viz) Elijah, Thomas H., William F., and Richard H. Atkinson and their sister Nancy Ann Mitchiner to them and their heirs and assigns forever. There is yet two thousand five hundred dollars to pay to the Commercial Bank of Wilmington to make up the stock taken in that Bank. It is my will and desire if not payed for before my decease that the sum be paid by my executors hereafter named out of any monies arising from my estate not conveyed away or otherwise withheld in this my last will and testament to be collected from notes, open accounts or sales of property as the case may be in any proper and advisable practicable so soon as the nature of the case may permit.

Twelfth My will and desire is that my executors hereafter named in this my last will and testament shall sell at publick sale to the highest bidder whenever they may deem it advisable all the horses, cattle, hogs and farming utensils, corn, fodder, Hat-Pine Grove where my overseer Bryant Langley lives on nine months credit also all the residue of my estate consisting of monies notes accounts and what may arise from sales and the balance of the whole estate not herein disposed of be equally divided between my wife Phoebe and my five children (viz) Elijah, Nancy, Thomas, William and Richard Atkinson to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

My will and desire is that my executors hereafter named have the farms of minor heirs carried on in the same manner as they have been heretofore until they arrive at lawful age and the net proceeds of each minor heir go to the benefit of each minor heir my will and desire is that all my books except the large Bible may remain unsold and divided among my children according to my executors discretion the large Bible I will and bequeath to my beloved wife she may dispose of it as she pleases. Also I will and desire that all my shaving utensils be equally divided between my three youngest sons Thomas, William & Richard Atkinson according to the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

Thirteenth I the said John Atkinson do constitute and appoint make & ordain any beloved son Elijah Atkinson and my son in law Agrippa Mitchiner executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking & disannulling all other former wills, testament, heretofore made by me. In testimony whereof I the said John Atkinson do have to this my last will & testament written on ten pages of common paper set my hand and affixed the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Signed sealed and affixed in our presence.

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Daniel Finlayson
J. H. Whitley
James H. Bradford

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter session
Johnston County } August Term 1847

Then was the foregoing last will and testament of John Atkinson Sr duly proven in open court by the oaths of Daniel Finlayson and J. H. Whitley two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley Clerk

Etheldred Holt Sr

I Etheldred Holt Sr of Johnston County and State of North Carolina do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made at any time heretofore.

And first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first monies that shall come into the hands of my executors from my portion of my estate real or personal And being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed be thoughtfully God for the same

Secondly I give, lend and bequeath unto my dear wife for the term of her natural life or widowhood the following descriptive property (to wit) one feather bed bedstead and furniture two chest the one colored and a large new one, six sitting chairs and necessary wearing kitchen furniture consisting of all iron pot ware generally used in said kitchen two kitchen tables & four cows & calves her choice, twenty head of hogs, six head of sheep four bee hives, one horse, bridle and saddle and the necessary farming tools sufficient for one horse and all the doing hill fords

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Henry Holt one side board, one buffet one clock one desk one bed, bedstead and furniture two - one walnut and the other pine two pewter basins one still cap and kettle one negro woman named Quilla and her future increase also her son Anderson also her daughter Dolia with her increase also one young negro named Henry and one shot gun to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Holt four hundred dollars lawfull money of the aforesaid State to be paid to him his heirs and assigns by my executors hereafter named.

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John Holt