

In the Name of God Amen

I Benjamin Ashby of the State of North Carolina and County of Jones, being weak in body, but of perfect sound mind & memory, blessed be God for the same, do therefore this eighteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & Eleven, make and publish this as my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following (Wiz) -

First My will & desire is that my son John Ashby is to have one hundred Acres of Land lying on the North Side of Cabin branch, between reedy branch and poplar branch, be the same more or less -

Item, My will & desire is that my son Joseph Ashby is to have one hundred Acres of Land, lying on the South Side of Cabin branch and joining Mason branch including the plantation whereon I now live, also one hundred Acres lying on the North Side of Harryp branch, but my desire is that when ever my two sons above mentioned, take possession of their lands, that they pay unto my son Zadoch Ashby the sum of one hundred dollars each and in case of either of their deaths without an heir, that in that case the right to descend to Zadoch. My desire is also that my son Zadoch should have two hundred dollars more out of the residue of my property -

Item, I also give unto my daughter Susannah Ashby one Cow & Calf one two year old heifer, and one feather Bed & furniture, and also to my daughter Elizabeth Hawkins and Peggy Tiltman to have one two year old heifer each and to my son Nathan Ashby if ever he should come, to have one dollar -

Item, My desire is that my beloved wife Susannah to have her choice to live on either of my plantations, and to have full prorsledge as to wood & timber during her natural life or widowhood -

My desire also is that my Executors to sell one barrel^m, one Horn, some barrel timber and barrels, and that the residue and remaining part of my property be unto my wife during her natural life -

I therefore constitute appoint and ordain my beloved wife Susannah Ashby and my son John Ashby as Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking & disannulling and making void all other Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying this & none other to be my last Will & Testament, In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year afore written -

Agreed published sealed & delivered
in the last Will & Testament of
Benjamin Ashby - in presence of
us who have subscribed our names
as witnesses -

Benjamin Ashby
his mark

Lucas Bryan
his mark

Daniel Simmons

State of North Carolina County of Jones
John County - } March term 1831 -

This was the above last Will & Testament of Benjamin Ashby duly proved in open Court by the oath of Lucas Bryan one of the subscribing witnesses that in due form of Law - and do hereby certify that the same is a true copy from original filed in office
L. Bryan
Clerk