

I John Bender of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, seriously considering the uncertainty of life and mindful of the obligation upon every man to leave his affairs in order do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (vvy)

First. It is my desire that my Executors hereafter named should liquidate and pay all my Just debts.

Item I give to my beloved wife Feraby and negro boy Nanna Benae two beds headsteads and furniture, two pine Tables, two white pine Chests and two and a half and two years old heifer, two sows and pigs if any pigs on hand, two Iron pots and pot hannel, and two kettles, one spider, and set of plates, two dishes, one set knives and forks, and ^{set} cups and saucers, and set of tin or iron chairs, two axes and one hoe, and ditch iron, two bushels salt, twenty Barrels Corn, Six hundred pounds of Pork, twenty five pounds of lard, twenty five pounds of brown sugar, ten pounds of butter, one loaf of sugar, and pound of Tea, One Barrel of Flour, One hundred and twenty five Dollars in Cash to her her heirs and assigns forever. I also lend to my wife Feraby during her natural life a negro woman Nanna Biled and a negro boy Nanna Tom.

Item I give to my son George I. Bender a negro man named Sam to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my son Byron Bender a negro man named Search to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my son John H. Bender a negro man named Simon to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend to my Daughter Mary Wharton and negro man named Charles, a negro woman named doll and negro boy named Ben during the natural life of her the said Mary Wharton and after her death I give the said negroes Charles doll and Ben to be equally and fairly divided among such Children of the body of her the said Mary Wharton as she may leave to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my Daughter Diancy weeks a negro woman named Esther a negro boy named Harry and a negro girl named Tines to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my Daughter Brancy mikes a negro girl named Rock a negro boy named Cesar and a negro girl named Sarah to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my Daughter Olyia Parsons a negro man named Thompson and a negro girl named Ann and a negro girl named Row to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my son Robert H. Bender a negro girl named Pat and a negro boy named Mingo also and bed and stead and furniture. One gun and hand mill and saddle, and share by the name of Sile, and yoke of oxen two cows and and large cart and fifty Dollars in Cash to him his heirs and assigns forever.

At the death of my wife it is my desire that the two negroes loaned to her
under an indenture together with the issue of said from this time should be equally and
fairly divided between my daughters Mary Wharton Sidney Hicks Nancy Hicks and
Olivia Parsons to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give whatsoever cash and notes I may have on hand at my death after
paying the legacies in cash herein made to be equally and fairly divided among
my eligible children George S. Bender, Bryan Bender, John H. Bender, Mary Wharton
Sidney Hicks, Nancy Hicks, Olivia Parsons and Robert H. Bender to them their
heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my wish that all the rest and residue of ^{my} property not herein devised
or hereafter given by deed of gift should be sold at six months credit and the proceeds
thereof equally and fairly divided between my wife Terahy and my daughters
Mary Wharton Sidney Hicks, Nancy Hicks, Olivia Parsons and my son Robert H. Bender
to them their heirs and assigns forever.

And lastly I nominate and appoint my sons Bryan Bender and John H. Bender
Executors to this my last will and Testament. Finally commit my body to be
decently interred by my Executors and my soul to that Being who gave it me, not
trusting but by a firm reliance on His Providence and a faithful performance
of those duties which he has made obligatory on me that he will give me a glorious
rest ^{in immortality} under my name and seal this 11th day of April A.D. 1842

Witness my hand and seal

John Bender (Seal)

in presence of
Thomas D. Fay
J. H. Fay
R. B. Barre

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Jones County } Sum Term 1842

that the foregoing last will and Testament of John Bender was produced
in open Court and a prova in due form of Law by the oath of Thomas
D. Fay and Rocco Barre two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
admitted to be Recorded at the same time appeared Bryan Bender and
John H. Bender the Executors therein named and qualified as such
and made the following testamentary issue to them

A true Copy from the Original filed in office Sum Term 1842

Wm. W. W. W. W. W.