

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of October In the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven —

Witness Sealed

Acknowledged

In Presence of us

Waiman Ho Stricklin

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his

William Lake & Stricklin

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John & Stricklin

mark

North Carolina Jones County Court

The last Will of Joseph Gilbert dec^d was duly proven in open Court by the
Oath of John Stricklin one of the subscribing witnesses ordered that the
same be recorded at same time the executors therein named qualified
as such agreeable to law ordered that letters of Testamentary issue
accordingly

In the Name of God Amen.

I John Becton of the State of North Carolina and County of Jones
being in common health and of sound mind and memory thanks unto Almighty
God for the same do this thirteenth day of September in the year of our
Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That
is to say

Imprimis I lend to my beloved wife Susannah Becton the use and benefit of
the Lands and Plantation whereon I now live, purchased of the Heirs and Repre-
sentatives of Clement Prichard dec^d except the Lot st. 6. known by the name
Rice Field and one half of Lot st. 1. One Dutch Fan one Cotton Gin the use
and labour of five negroes namely old Daniel Dinah Thamer Charles and old
Sarah, to her during her widowhood and no longer also I lend to my beloved wife
Susannah the use and labour of two of the negroes herein after to be given to
my daughter Elizabeth and son Simon S Becton her choice from each of
their lots during her widowhood or until they arrive of age or marry and no
longer.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah Becton three negroes named Jacob, Jerry, and Milley, Jenneys child and their future increase, her choice of four head of horses or mules twelve cows and calves one yoke of Oxen her choice three steers, three heifers, fourteen head of sheep her choice, eight sows of pigs all of my bees and as much of my corn, meat, wheat and flour peas fodder rice cotton flax and wool, hides and leather as will be sufficient for her family, and stock one year four feather beds and furniture, my large desk, four Tables four chests, nine chairs, all my glass and crockery, ware my knives & forks three jugs three Butter pots, six books her choice two pair of trowsers, one pair flat irons, all my Kitchen furniture, my waiping, mill two looms all my slays hammers and shuttles, wooden wheels and cards and Linnon wheels three bar-ploughs three flocks ploughs four sets of cleives and four sets of plough gears and six weeding hoes, two grubbing hoes three axes one hand mill as many of my hoggsheads, stands, barrels, and kegs as my Executors hereafter named may think she will need, all my carpenter, coopers and shoe makers tools, one ox chain, one ox cart, and horse cart body my riding chain and Harness to her, her heirs and assigns forever to enable her to support, raise and educate my daughter Elizabeth and to raise and maintain her and my son Simon S. Becton youngest negroes until they are judged by my executors capable of being hired out also to give my daughter Elizabeth and son Simon S. Becton each one good feather Bed and furniture each one horse Bride and Saddle six cows and calves, six ewes and Lambs (anatomy son Simon S. one Yoke of oxen) as they arrive of age or marry, without any charge against either of their estates.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Isler five dollars besides the property I have heretofore given her to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Frank E. Becton my Surveyors Compases, chain and scale and forty two dollars and fifty cents in money besides the property I have heretofore disposed him with by deed or otherwise, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Suscy Jones one Negro man named Aaron (which I heretofore gave her with a reserve) besides the property I have disposed her with heretofore, to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Edwin Becton one still worm and Cap and the residue of my hoggsheads stands and barrels after his mothers

Allotment of them is made beside the property that I have heretofore proposed
him by deed or otherwise with to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item In order to enable my son Edwin Becton to pay all my just debts, I give
I give the use and labour of little Daniel and London and the use and profits
arising from my different farms and Lands which I intend hereafter
to give by this my Will to my sons John H. and Simon S. Becton and
the rents arising from the Rice field from the first of Janry. next to the first
of Janry following together with all the monies which are now due me
and shall be due me by the first of January Eighteen Hundred and
Fifteen further if my executors should think it necessary my will and
desire are, that they allot of to my son Edwin so much of my different
kinds of property not heretofore nor shall hereafter be otherwise disposed
of by this my Will as they may think sufficient to enable him fully to
discharge my debts the remainder or residue after this allotment I give
and bequeath to my wife Susannah Becton to further enable her to execute
the charge to her intrusted - And if there should not in the opinion of
my Executors be enough of such property besides what has been or shall
hereafter be otherwise disposed of in this my Will to fully discharge my
debts my Will and desire are that the use and Labour of little Daniel
and London and such of other negroes as I shall hereafter give to my son
John H. Becton and the money arising from the hire of such negroes as
shall be hereafter given by this my Will to my daughter Elizabeth and Simon
S. Becton together with the use and profits arising from the farms and lands
assigned for my sons John H. and Simon S. Becton and the money arising
from the rent of the Rice field be employed so long as will fully discharge my
debts or untill my son John H. Becton arrive of Lawful age.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John H. Becton the lands and plantations
* purchased of the following persons John S. Becton, Micajah Becton Marmar-
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Thomas Fish's heirs also that part of a tract of Land which I purchased of
John Asler Sen. lying above the main road on the North side of Pudding
Branch and all other lands joining the same patented in my own name
lying and being on the North side of said Pudding Branch -

also the land and Plantation where Nathan Isler lately resided and ^{the} boundary as follows Beginning at a Sugar Maple John Heaths corner tree on the North side of Rattle Snake branch, then running down said branch with a line of marked trees formerly a dividing line between John Isler sen.^r and Abraham Hornegay sen.^r to a Sugar maple on the same side of said branch, then down the various courses of said branch thirty poles below the mouth of a small branch, the foot below the shop piece then N. 88 W. three Hundred poles to a marked Red Oak standing on the S. E. side of the Loftin road, then a direct line to John Heaths third corner, from his Sugar maple corner and then with his lines to the beginning, Seven negroes named Esther, Sal, Thamer, Sals Child Little Daniel, London Buzen and Ephraim one feather Bed and furniture two Horses namea Shaver and Bird, six cows Halves, six ewes and lambs one Yoke of Oxen and one Co Cart, a bridle and Saddle, my small shot gun and as many hogs of different kinds or sorts as my executors hereafter named shall think sufficient for him and family, to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Beeton all of my lands Spurchased of the Heirs and representative of Clement Trishud dec.^d and of John Stanley and Lonus Hornes lying on Chinkapin creek and four negroes namea Hannah, Mica, Sidney and Rebecca also after the death of my wife Chunks and Thamer and Thamer's increase from the present time, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Simon S. Beeton the lands and Plantations which I purchased of John Isler sen.^r not otherwise heretofore given and all adjoining lands not heretofore disposed of, also six negroes namea Hardy, John Daniel, Lindsey, Eliza, Gilpha and Jim Milbourn, also after the death of my wife Old Daniel and Dinah and Dinah's increase from the present time to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three sons Edwin John L. and Simon S. Beeton my part of the Seim place known by name of Beetons and Islers seim place and the Land thereunto belonging, together with my part of the seim and Batteau to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sons, five Volumes of George Washington's life and an Atlas belonging to the same, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

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life and an Atlas belonging to the same, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

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Item I give and bequeath further to my son John H Beeton my two shares in the bank of Newbern and one other Negro named old Sam to him his Heirs and assigns forever

Item I further give and bequeath to my son Fredk. E. Beeton one Negro woman named Alice and my son Edwin Beeton one Negro man named Joe, to them their Heirs and assigns forever.

Item My Will and desire are that my Executors rent out my half of Lot C & D purchased of the Heirs and Representatives of Clement Prichard dec^d in such manner as they think most desirable and the money arising from the rent of it, to be put in the hands of my wife to better enable her to maintain and educate my daughter Elizabeth.

Item My Will and desire are, that the lands heretofore given to my three youngest Children, except the lands I have lent my wife, after one year from the first of January next except my debts be not then paid, be rented out yearly in such manner, as that no part be cultivated two years, one after another or rather if my executors think it most advantageous for it to be rented for the term of two, four or five years together but with the same reserve that no part be kept in cultivation two years in succession, and that the rents of John H. and Elizabeth lands be given them as they arrive of age or marry and that the remainder of the rents of Simon's lands after my Executors have raised maintained and well educated him, be given him, ~~be given~~ him when he arrives of age, as also the hire of my three Childrens Negroes be given them as they arrive of age or marry.

Item My earnest request to all my children is, that old Sarah after my wife's decease be not kept in bondage but permitted to live with either of them whom she may have a desire, and be well treated during her life.

And Lastly I do hereby constitute nominate and appoint my beloved sons Frederick E Beeton and Edwin Beeton my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by John Beeton the Testator to be his last will and Testament.

In presence of us who have here subscribed our names the day and date first above written.

Test.

Christopher Brock
John S Brock
Martin Brock
Ramon Stanley

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John Beeton Seal

This my schedule is to explain that it is my desire that the money I left my son Frederick C Beeton deceased to be with drawn from that gift and the negro woman Alice, which said negro woman Alice I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Isler to her, her heirs and assigns forever, and also the negro child named mily I have given to my grand son John W Isler to him his heirs and assigns forever and further I annominate my son John H Beeton one of my Executors to this my last Will and Testament
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th of October 1813.

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Ann Isler

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Ann Hawkins

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Martin Brock

John Beeton Seal

This my second schedule is to explain that it is my Will and desire that the surveyors bumpus scale dividers and chain I left my son Fredric C. Beeton deceased to be withdrawn from that gift: Which said bumpus scale dividers and chain I give and bequeath to my grand son John C Beeton to him his heirs and assigns forever, Further I give and bequeath to my sons Edwin Beeton and John H. Beeton my Right of the patlin Washing Machine to them their heirs and assigns forever, and further I annominate and appoint my living friend Christopher Brock one of Executors; To this my last Will and Testament
Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3th of November 1813.

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Abner Green

John Beeton Seal

This my third schedule is to explain that the negro ~~called Alice~~ called Alice that I gave by this my will to my son Frederick C. Beeton's dec. I withdraw that gift in the foregoing part of my first schedule and give it to my daughter Nancy Isler;

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And I now withdraw that gift I give to said daughter Chaney Isler and
give said Negro to my beloved Wife Susannah Beeton during her
natural life; and then to return to my said daughter Chaney Isler
her heirs and assigns for ever: To this my last Will and Testament
whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this the 31st of March
1814. Test

Abalom Kinsey

John Beeton Seal

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court August Term 1814

Then was the annexed Will of John Beeton dec^d produced in open Court
and duly proved by the oaths of Martin F. Brock and Abalom Kinsey two
of the subscribing witnesses thereto. and at the same time Edwin Beeton and
Christopher Brock two of the Executors therein named qualified as such.

Ordered that letters Testamentary issue accordingly

In the Name of God Amen.

I John Jarman of the County of Jones in the State of North Carolina being
at this time weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and
calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die, doth make and ordain this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following (To Wit) First of all I recom-
mend my soul to God who gave it me, and my body to be buried in a plain
Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors.

And as touching such worldly goods as it has pleased the Almighty to
endow me with I Will and dispose of in the following manner. (To Wit)
First I bequeath unto my beloved wife Chaney one half the Lands and Plantation I
now live on including the mansion house and all out houses (excepting such
part as I have already convey'd by deed to my son Amos) to be for her
proper use and benefit during the term of her natural life or Widowhood
I also bequeath to my wife during her life Three negroes, one a man named London
one a woman named Lucy, and the other a girl nearly grown named Alice
also one bed and furniture (her choice) three Cows and Calves (her choice
of my stock).

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