

David Carpenter's Will

In the name of God Amen

I David Carpenter of the County of Lincoln
State of North Carolina feeling the infirmities of age
& the afflictions incident to human beings and
and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to
die and being now of sound & disposing mind &
memory I do hereby declare that it is my will To
dispose of the property wherein it has pleased God
To bless me in the following manner. Viz. My body
I wish To be buried in a decent & Christian like
manner and my spirit I give into the hands of
my Saviour Jesus Christ. And as touching the
property which I own. First I give to my beloved
Wife Elizabeth Carpenter two beds & furniture one
Chestow and a side cupboard and half the cupboard
and Kitchen furniture one table one room in the
House we now live in such one as she may choose
provided she remains on the plantation with our
son Michael Carpenter and if she should choose
to leave there & go to some other place to live she
is not to have any of said property. Except the beds
& Chestow and if she should leave the plantation and
go to live with some other of our children my son
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good ~~pot~~ one hundred weight beef fifteen pounds
coffee twenty five pounds good sugar one pound ~~Van~~
one pound pepper & a spice each half bushel salt
two gallons Wine two gallons good Whiskey or brandy

Should she remain on the plantation with our son Michael she may have one third of the plantation we now live if she chooses and if she remains with Michael he is to have her washing and if necessary her clothing done for her. She is also to have an Equal share that is a thirds part of all the balance of my Estate not otherwise specially disposed by this will and she is to have let her go to live where she will as well as if she remains with Michael.

Second I give to my son Michael Carpenter the plantation where we now live containing by Estimation two hundred Acres lying on the West Side of Clarks Creek joining lands of Michael Sumnerow, Michael Reinhard, John Cline Solomon Carpenter & John Torrid all the woods except one that may belong to me at my decease a still flake stone & eight hog heads the side cupboard & half the furniture one half the kitchen furniture my Load Wagon & four sets of horse gear his choice an Iron tooth harrow a mattock & pitch fork dung fork & shovel my Crop Cut Saw and my negro man named Charles my Negro boy named Richard my Negro woman named Matty & her child named Hetty and all the children she may have hereafter and all the children she may have hereafter.

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Charles my Negro boy named Richard my Negro
woman named Matty & her child named
Matty and all the children she may have hereafter
my set of Blacksmith Tools my block & Cast and
half my flock of cattle sheep and hogs
Third, to my Daughter viz Polly Rhodes Catherine
Abraham and Elizabeth Hoyle I give the proceeds
of the sale of my three Negroes named

Elijah Rachab & Vandy to be sold amongst my
 Executors not to be sold to Strangers or any other
 person The same to be Equally divided Amongst my
 Sons Three daughters or their Children

Fourth, To my wife Three daughters Polly Catherine
 & Elizabeth or their Children I give all the balance
 of my land not otherwise disposed of in this will
 to hold the same as tenants in common they may
 if they choose divide the land or they may sell
 it & divide the proceeds Equally

Fifth, All the balance of my property to be
 sold at public sale and the proceeds thereof
 together with all the cash funds after all
 my Just debts & funeral Expenses are paid is
 to be Equally divided between my wife Elizabeth
 Carpenter my son Michael Carpenter & my
 daughters Polly Rhodes Catherine Rhodes & Elizabeth
 Hoge or their Children

Sixth, After the decease of my wife Elizabeth all the
 property I have given her is to be sold & the proceeds
 of the sale together with the money she may have
 on hand is to be Equally divided Amongst
 all our Children

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Michael
 Carpenter and my son in law Henry Rhodes my
 Executors to Execute this my last will & Testament

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and I do hereby revoke disannul & disallow all
other former Wills by me made and hereby declare
publish & satisfy this as my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof I David Carpenter have here
unto set my hand and affixed my seal

this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord 1843.

signed sealed & published } David Carpenter (Hd)
in presence of
Moses W Coulter }
Jno. Coulter }

State of North Carolina
Catawba County

I David Carpenter former

only of Lincoln now of Catawba County (who
Executed the foregoing Will & Testament being
desirous to make some alteration therein do Execute
this Council Thereto as follows (Viz), Whereas I had
bequeathed to my son Michael Carpenter a Negro girl
named Betty Caroline I now will & bequeath unto him
the said Michael my Negro woman named Rachel
& her increase in lieu of Betty Caroline because
he has bought Rachel's husband & I further direct
that Betty Caroline shall go to my daughters in place
of Rachel and be disposed as directed in the foregoing
Will, and I do hereby publish & declare this Council
to be a part of my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I David Carpenter
have hereunto set my hand & seal the 26th
day of Oct. in the year of our Lord 1846
Signed sealed & published }

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I David Carpenter formerly of Lincoln now of Catawba County (who Executes the foregoing Will & Testament being desirous to make some alteration therein do Execute this Council thereto as follows (viz) Whereas I had bequeathed to my son Michael Carpenter a Negro girl named Betty Caroline I now will & bequeath unto him the said Michael my Negro woman named Rachel & her increase in lieu of Betty Caroline because he has bought Rachel's husband & I further direct that Betty Caroline shall go to my daughters in place of Rachel and be disposed as directed in the foregoing Will, and I do hereby publish & declare this Council to be a part of my last Will & Testament.

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Ann E. Loxley
Jas Coulter