

April Session 1863
Henry Bericks will -

State of North Carolina
Lincoln County

15 day of February in the year
of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and sixty three

I Henry Berick of the above County and State,
being of Sound mind and memory but considering the
uncertainty of my Earthly Existence do make and
declare this my last will and testament in manner
and form following That is to say -

First that my Executors (here after named) shall
provide for my body decent burial. In totto to the wishes
of my Relation, and friends and pay all funeral Expenses
together with my Just debts however And to recover
owing out of the moneys that may first come into his
hands as a part, or parcel of my Estate

I Item 2. I give and devise to my beloved wife Polly
The tract of Land whereon I now live during her natural life
also my boy Jacob & if in case they should disagree in that
case Jacob is to chose a master & be sold & the money to be
paid to my Brothers & Sisters Children by my Executor herein
after mentioned. I Item 3 I give and bequeath to my wife
Polly my negro woman Mince during her life. I also give & bequeath

also my boy Jacob & if in case they should disagree in that
case Jacob is to chose a master & be sold & the money to be
paid to my Brothers & Sisters Children by my Executor herein
after mentioned. Item 3 I give and bequeath to my wife
Polly my negro woman Mince during her life. I also give & bequeath
to my wife Polly all of my house hold & Kitchen furniture of ever
kind during her life time. Also give her 2 head of horses her choice
also my Road waggin and all of my Farming tools during
her natural life time.

I also give & bequeath to my wife Polly
all of my grain and Ruffrup of all kind on hand at the
time of my death. also all of my brim on hand & pottery
also all of my hogs & sheep on hand at my death.

I also give my wife Polly one hundred and fifty dollars
to be hers for ever.

Item 4th I give to my friend Henry Shettle one hundred
dollars to be paid to him by my Executor when it comes
into his hands as a part of my Estate.

Item 5th I give to my friend Sarah Adams one
hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executor.

Item 6th my will & Desire & I order that all of the property
that I have given to my wife Polly after her death to be sold
and Equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sisters
Children.

And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my trusty
friend Jacob Benedict my lawfull Executor to all intenc
and purposes to Execute this my last will and Testament
according to the true intent and meaning of the same and
do hereby ~~test~~ hereby hereby revoking and declaring utterly void
all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in
witness here of I the said Henry Benedict do hereunto
set my hand and seal the day & date first above written
Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Henry
Benedict to be his last will and Testament in the
presence of us who at his request and in his presence
do subscribe our names as witnesses these to wit

Josiah Pappas Jurat
J H Lawrence Jurat
Miss Alice Thayer Jurat

Henry ^{his} Benedict ^{mark} 