

The following will was duly proven in open  
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In the name of god Amen I Henry Now  
of the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina  
having an ailment that makes me feel very  
weak in body but of perfect Mind & memory thank  
be to God for his Mercies, Calling me to mind the  
Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed  
all men once to die. Do make this my last will  
& Testament that is to say first of all I recommend  
my soul into the hands of Almighty god that you  
keep my body to the earth to be buried in a  
christian like manner and as touching such  
worldly estate as hath pleased god to bestow  
upon me in this world I give & devise a sum  
of the same in the following manner & form.  
First I give unto my son Henry the land he  
now lives on for which his wife of gift from me  
will do. Next I give to my son Henry all my  
right & title of a Negro girl named Fanny as his  
right & property. Next I give all my right & title  
of another Negro girl named Fannie for which give  
Henry shall pay three hundred dollars to his  
sisters Maria after, Sally, Elizabeth, Anna,  
Catherine, & Barbara but by the two last are  
no more in the land of the living their children  
shall represent them. Next I give to my son  
Daniel all my lands in Lenoir & Hertford  
County as his right & property and I give also  
all my right & title of a negro named Charlie  
as his right & property to my said son Daniel  
Next I give to my son James all my Negro  
titles of all my lands on Little Creek and his  
cattle property & I also give to my son

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house. Fifty acres of fine land on Dog Hill  
as his right & claim. Next I give to my son  
Jacob my negro fellow named Jo as his lawful right  
& property. Next I give to my son Faust all my  
right & title of a negro girl named Cherry & the  
said fact is to pay to his two children the sum  
of two hundred dollars & I give him four years  
to pay it in him my decease. This money when  
due to be paid unto the hands of the executors  
of it will be mostly coming to Barbara's chil-  
dren Timrose & Peter as Barbara received no  
horse or mare as the rest did. Her children  
shall be paid fifty dollars in the place of a  
horse. This money is not to draw any interest  
from Faust until me. As the children are  
young & their money will draw a good deal  
of interest afterwards. Next I give unto my  
son Faust for staying with me on my old age  
my best wagon & two guns & all belonging  
to it & also I give son Faust one horse & a mare  
the horse named Bull & mare named Pigeon  
Next I give him two cows two sheep three hogs  
of my best. One cow, I got from about and  
I further give unto my daughters before  
named & their children the income of all  
my movable property at publick sale to  
the highest bidder. This is to day of all the  
property that is not in her inheritance before  
but as Peter Barnum & Eltham received  
one hundred dollars more than the rest in  
the price of a negro girl that they bought

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1836.

In witness whereof I have written this much  
Concerning my last will & Testament & what my  
wife & children shall receive. And it is further my  
wishes that my wife shall have half of the wheat,  
corn & oats that is raised on the plantation  
in the year of my decease. And I shall now  
conclude and ratifying this no other to be  
my last will & Testament & do hereby con-  
stitute & nominate my son George &  
my neighbour Nancy Dorothy my whole  
sole executors of this my last will & Testa-  
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal the 4 day of June 1835

Miles W. Abimethy  
Carlo Leonard son

George W. Abimethy

Executors sworn.