

In the Name of God Amen I John
Berry of the County of Lincoln State of North
Carolina being weak in body but sound in mind
do hereby certify to God for his blessings, having
but calling to mind that it is appointed for all
men once to die do by these presents make this
my only, my last will & testament first I
recommend my soul to God who gave it & my
body to the earth from whence it came to be
lived in a decent form at the discretion of my
executors hereafter appointed. I will that my
lawful debts be all paid out of my estate -

I will & give unto my beloved wife Frances
my black called Polly during my wife's lifetime
who is one of my white blood, her choice & also the
best my wife has ever had, her choice, & four horses
her choice & live fether beds. Bed & furniture the
best I have table & two little wheel & hand & wheel
I have a spider a small pot & the walking
the fire tongs & three. I have a dog & the smoothing
the Britto ware belonging to the shelf
including knives & fork, & spoons & three chairs
I have a pair for water. I also will & give unto
said wife the plantation on which I live & the same
I have a tract on the north side of this place
including her natural life including all my
possessions. At her death the above tract of
land together with her other one of 115 acres on which
she now lives & the other called the Hill place
I have sold to be sold to the highest bidder by
commission which execution are to make it as soon as
possible that purchase said land & the price of said land
be equally divided to three my free children
Elizabeth Davis, Nancy Gallock, & my son Robert
Berry & William Berry & my son William
Berry on the place where he now lives until my death I will
that he have all my Black Smith tools & my hand mill

I further test & agree to give my Granddaughter
 Isabella Hill if she should live to be of age or many security for
 dollars if she should not live to be of age or many then
 the said Isabella five dollars to remain as part of my estate
 to go the way as the above piece of my land
 as to my two Slaves Sam & Delly if they should choose
 to go the land of Liberia or to the Amity provided by the
 colonization Society for black people in such case
 I appoint fifty dollars toward having their
 expenses to said land & if that should not be sufficient
 to pay their passage then the said Isabella to be
 hired out until the proceeds enough & then to be
 sent by my executor to said country but if said
 Slaves should not be willing to go to said land
 then in that case they together with the fifty
 dollars to fall back into my estate & the said
 negroes to choose their masters & the
 the remainder of my property not otherwise
 disposed of to be sold at publick sale & the money
 arising therefrom together with what money
 I have on hand is to be equally divided
 between my wife & her children as also named
 share for share - I allow my negro Sam the
 copper tools & Delly a good suit of clothes
 I hereby appoint my two nephews Perry & Henry
 Brown & Isaac Davis my executors to this my
 last will & testament in which I have signed
 my hand & seal this 1st day of January 1833
 year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty three
 sealed signed & pronounced in the presence
 of Isaac Hollingsworth John Perry
 In witness whereof

Isaac Davis & Perry
 & William Perry