

In the name of God Amen, I Job Cherry of the State of North Carolina and County of Martin being of sound mind and memory Blessed be god and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do this Twelfth day of February one thousand eight Hundred & Eleven make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit —

First of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of god who giveth it me and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor as I shall hereafter mention —

Item, I have unto my son Abner Cherry the Land and plantation I now live on during his life and after his death to belong to Job Cherry Son of Abner Cherry to him and his heirs for ever — Item I have unto my son Abner Cherry one House and lot in the Town of Wilmington formally belong to Jonathan Cherry during his natural life and after his death the same to belong to Edmund Cherry Son of Abner Cherry to him and his heirs for ever — Item, I have unto my son Abner Cherry one negro man named Sharper during his natural life and after his death I give the same negro to John Cherry Son of Abner Cherry to him and his heirs for ever —

Item I give unto my son Joshua Cherry one negro man named Dick to him and his heirs for ever —

Item, my will and desire is that my negro Lid & and Diller be sold at the discretion of my Executors and the money so arising to be equally divided between my two Daughters Mary Beach, and Ruth Kennedy to them and their heirs for ever — Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Job Cherry one negro boy named Caswell to him and his heirs for ever — Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Job Cherry one negro man named George to him and his heirs for ever —

Item, my will and desire is that my Executors shall first cause out of my estate four Hundred and Eighty dollars, the same I give to my three Sons Joshua, Job and Abner Cherry to be equally divided between them three to them and their heirs for ever —

Item, my will and desire is that all ^{the residue of} my Estate be sold and the money so raised be equally divided between my six Children to wit Mary, Ruth, Joshua, Edmund, Job, Abner Cherry to them and their heirs for ever —

carried forward

And I hereby make and ordain my Son Abner Cherry and John Cherry Executors to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Job Cherry have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the and year above written — (the words under and before sign, the same of) Declaring presents of us
Witness Malachi Etheridge
& Harrell Cherry
Job his Cherry Seal
mark

Martin County } the within instrument of writing purporting
Deed from 1841 } to be the last will and Testament of Job Cherry
Said was proven in open court by the oath of Harrell Etheridge
one of the subscribing witnesses there to & on motion
ordered to be recorded
Jest #134 master C.C.C.

State of North Carolina } In the name of god amen I Thomas (Wathurst)
Martin County } Son of the County and State of said
Being lawfully thought of sound mind calling to mind
that all men is bound to die touching my worldly goods
I dispose of them as follows firstly —

Item I have in care
+ Joseph and Alton a negro man and an angry boy that I gave
to my Daughter Sally in South Carolina is her part also
it is my will that the Susan and Hall and their increase
that I give my Daughter Lydia in South Carolina be
her part, Item, it is my will that my son Thom as should
have two of my negro men Peter and James and that he shall
take my two youngest sons William and Solomon and raise
to be fifteen years of age and give them a young schooling
each without any expense and if he refuse to do it for said
negroes to him and to raise money for that use and if said
Thom raises and cheats said Wm & Solomon and schools them
I give and bequeath the said Peter and James to said Thomas
and repeat schooling he gives them besides for him to be
paid for it and bind them to a trade —

Item, I have to my beloved wife Sally for her natural life
a negro woman by the name of Aster and her children
have one of my horse and the best feather bed and furniture
her saddle and the high land I have on up to crop field do
down it being the high land belongs to the young as to be
I have to my wife for widowhood the following property
that she may not make any charge against the children
I have her old slave and his wife Poffa and young Jack
turn over