

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 twenty third 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 leave 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 leave unto my Son Abner Cherry one House and lot in the Town of Williamsburg formerly 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 leave unto my Son Abner Cherry one negro man named Sharpe 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 for word

And I hereby make and ordain my Son Abner Cherry and Wife Sally 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 absence of)

Declarative of contents of us
Witness Malachi Chridge
& Harrell Cherry

Job ^{his} Cherry ^{mark}

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

State of North Carolina } In the name of god amen I Thomas (Waltham)
Martin County } Son of the Sherry and State above said
Being low in health though 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 am in case
I Joseph and Alston a negro girl and am very 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 Thomas as shall
have two of my negro men Peter and Charles and that he shall
take my two youngest sons William and Solomon and raise
to be fifteen years of age and give them a year schooling
each without any expense and if he refuse to do it, for said
negroes to him out to raise money for that use and if said
Thos raises and chas said Wm & Solomon and schools them
I give and bequeath the said Peter and James to said Thomas
and without schooling he gives them besides for him to be
paid for it and bind them to a trade —

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

and she is to raise Saffers two youngest children which they
can be bred out from from charge States land his four sons
and calve four wives and twenty three boys and girls and one
young provision one pair cart wheely I bought at the King,
Spill one grind stone one table one chest Knives and forks
kitchen ^{and} earthen ware many plantations tools and many
kitchen furniture one good bed and furniture and a small
two the children live on and one half of the detached ground
in the Swamp it being the upper half two but being
one befit and the rest of my land ground
Then I give to my son Willis a small negro yard by the
name of Lucia history first child and two hundred dollars
then I give unto my son Richs all the land I had on the
South Side of the middle Swamp it being beginning
Thomas land above up to the great pinecum and out
then I give the land ablie on to my two youngest
sons Wm and Solomon the upper part to give to my
son Wm NB my wife keeps Wm's share ground
while he is sixteen year of age then Wm is to have
the profit of it unless she marry and if she dies before
he is to take it then his part is to begin over the
Swamp against the mouth of a small branch
above the field I live in over the branch that my
penny waddy ditch had in so across the said Swamp
over the South Side so up the edge of the Swamp
about ten paces of the old field fence called crop field it
running out to a white oak near the long pond between an
old barrell and long pond a small white oak a corner turned
up said Swamp all above Wm's - So all be law I give
and demise to my son Solomon - it is my will and
desire that if either of my three youngest sons
decease this life leaving no heir or show that the next
youngest take the part he would have had in case
he had lived so if they both decease without heir of the
body the two next youngest to them will stand as it was
in their shares - then it is my will and desire that my
four young children that I gave named to wit Richs is
Solomon Lewis Elizabeth Lucinda have four of Saffers
children of those that is not given a way then the
remainder to go as follows - then it is my will that all
of my State that is not given away after my death is paid
and the child our have their debbling I should be paid
and amongst my youngest set beginning at
forward

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Richs and down say Richs Peter Lewis Elizabeth Wm
Solomon & Lucinda they is to share also in all of
the property that is lent to my wife for both life and
hood and life after her time is out it is my will
and desire that my negroes that is not sold away
nor lent to my wife to be hired out and if my wife
marrys or desires for them to be hired out also
as long as they can that the hiring thereof may share
in both the loss and profits - if Richs will take his
part when he come to the age of twenty one years of
leave the remainder in the same manner for the other
hiring to the last 3 those four that has no land is
to have of Saffers children as follows Arthur is to have
Robert Lewis is to have Harvey Elizabeth is to have
Silvey Lucinda is to have Sam - Saffers Soderin
Watson and my son Thomas Weatherbee Executors
to this my last will and testament in witness I
have unto set my hand and seal this July 23 day
1814.

Benjamin Seymour
Whitney Howell

Thomas Weatherbee Clerk

Martin Bounty } His instrument of writing was proven
December Term 1814 } in open Court by the oath of Benjamin
Seymour & Whitney Howell and an motion ordered to be
recorded Just H. B. Hunter Clerk

Sept: 27th 1814 - I Timothy Bregon do hereby make this my
last will and testament do give all my Estate of every
kind unto Harriet Bregon my Sister
Signed sealed and delivered in presence Timothy Bregon
Jas. M. Briggs
Samuel Spruill

State of North Carolina } March Term 1815
Martin Bounty } The above instrument of writing purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of Timothy Bregon was proven in open Court by the
oath of Joseph Briggs one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be
recorded H. B. Hunter