

At her death to be equally divided between
 my son William by name John Bell, Darling Bell, Miss
 Charlotte & Harriett Montgomery and my grandson James
 Bell son of William Bell - I also appoint my son
 John Bell & Darling Bell & my grandsons, Bell &
 James my heirs and to take care of wife and the property
 I have her & see that she don't suffer - and now I uttering
 this my last will & disallows all other wills, rights
 titles or Dowry last thing and this only to be my last will &
 Testament whereunto I have set my hand this 20th day of July
 1804 In presence of us
 J. I. Ellin
 Frances Bell

John Bell

In the name of God Amen. I George Pickens of the County of
 Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, considering the uncertainty
 of this mortal life, and being of sound mind & memory, blessed
 be God for the same, Do make & publish this my last will & Testament
 in manner & form following To wit
 First I Give & bequeath to my beloved wife as had & to her the free use
 & benefit of the Plantations whereon I now live with
 all the improvement & appurtenances thereto belonging during
 her life as widowhood, and it is also my will & pleasure that my
 beloved wife should have, hold, & freely enjoy, all my personal
 estate viz my Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hays & Sheep also all my
 Farming Utensils, Household & Kitchen Furniture & all & every
 other species of property to me in any wise belonging to be held for
 and used & disposed of for the purpose of maintaining Clothing & Schooling my
 children that are now minors & also for the payment of all my
 debts & the several named & unpaid to me
 It is my will & pleasure that my wife should be allowed to live
 with my family & have a comfortable maintenance out of my
 estate during her natural life or while she remains in the family

Item. I Will & bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Mitchell wife to
John Mitchell & to my sons Jonathan & Aaron & Richard Baker
the sum of one dollar to each of them, in addition to what they
received when they married & left me in full of their share of my Estate.
Item. I Will & bequeath unto my son Abel Baker at that tract or
parcel of Land containing about eighty one acre known by the
name of the Coburn tract to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I Will & bequeath to my son Jacob Baker all that tract or parcel of
Land between New Lane & the highway to be possessed at the death or
intermarriage of my wife Rachel to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I Will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Baker & my children
viz George Baker, Abel Baker, Jacob Baker Rachel Baker
Hannah Baker & Elizabeth Baker all the residue & remain-
der of my estate & the paying my just debts & the Legacies
above named & raising & supporting my family to be equally
divided amongst them there & there alike by my Executors
herein after named. It is also my Will & pleasure that my
Executors lay off & apportion to each Legatee as they severally
arrive to full age or marry their share of my Estate, hold in
trust that either of the last named Legatee should die before
they arrive at full age or have lawful heirs of their body then
and in that case their share or shares shall be equally divided
amongst the Legatees.

It is my Will & pleasure that my Executors if they should
think it most for the advantage of my family may choose
to sell such part of my moveable Estate as can be disposed with-
out injury to their comfort & convenience & the residue
to be appraised by three Justices of the Peace & an Inventory
of the whole returned to Court.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
well beloved wife Rachel Baker Executor & my trusty friends
Executors of this my last Will & Testament
hereby revoking & annulling any former will or wills
made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 10th day of May 1783 at Mecklenburg Co. NC.

name of the Librarian to be to him & his heirs, &c.
 Item. I Will & bequeath to my son Jacob Baker all that tract or parcel of
 Land between New line ferry to be possessed at the death or
 intermarriage of my wife Rachel to him & his heirs &c.
 Item. I Will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Rachel Baker & my children
 viz George Baker, Abel Baker, Jacob Baker Rachel Baker
 Hannah Baker & Elizabeth Baker all the residue & remain-
 -der of my estate & the paying my just debts & the legacies
 & bequeathments & raising & supporting my family to be equally
 divided amongst them there & there alike by my Executors
 herein after named. It is also my Will & pleasure that my
 Executors lay off & apportion to each legatee as they severally
 arrive to full age or marry their share of my Estate, hold in
 case that either of the first named legatees should die before
 they arrive at full age or have lawful heirs of their body then
 and in that case their share & shares shall be equally divided
 amongst the survivors --

It is my Will & pleasure that my Executors if they should
 think it most for the advantage of my family may choose
 to sell such part of my moveable Estate as can be divided with-
 out injury to their conjugal & domestic & the residue
 to be appraised by three Justices of the Peace & an Inventory
 of the whole returned to Court

Lastly. I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
 well beloved wife Rachel Baker Executor & my Executors jointly
 & severally of this my last Will & Testament
 hereby revoking & annulling & making void all former
 Wills, Testaments & Bequests by me made or done, & saying
 that & no other is to be my last Will & Testament in WITNESS
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this

day of

Adm 1844

Signed Sealed & Witnessed & Declared in the presence of

J. Rogers
 John W. Rogers

George Baker