

In the name of God amen. I John Eacoch of this County of
 Mecklenburg State of North Carolina planters litled week in
 Holy yet blessed be God of / our mind & memory. Do this 16th
 day of March in the year of our Lord 1843 make & publish
 this my last will & Testament & desire the same may be
 recorded by all concerned as such as follows in the first place
 1st I Will & order that my funeral expenses & all my just debts
 be paid in some convenient time after my decease —
 2nd I Will & bequeath to my wife Barbara Eacoch I will & bequeath the two feather
 beds & furniture and a respectable maintenance to be paid my dwelling
 house on my plantation during her widowhood & lifetime as
 may best becom
 3rd I Will & bequeath to my son John Eacoch a good feather bed &
 furniture & a good horse & carriage or the like & all that —
 4th I Will & bequeath to my son John Eacoch my negro boy Nelson
 and my clothing
 5th I Will & bequeath to my daughter Betty Eacoch one good
 feather bed and furniture —
 6th I Will & bequeath to my daughter Peggy Eacoch one
 good feather bed and furniture
 7th I do hereby will & express in such that all my household and
 kitchen furniture not disposed of above as well as my stock of
 heavy kind & all my farming implements be retained and kept
 on this my plantation for the support & accommodation of my
 widow & the family as with us. that at the marriage or death of
 my said widow or her a Eacoch, I do hereby will, order & direct that
 such & all property that is now left & to be used for the support
 of my family and may then remain, be sold for the best price that
 may be had, and equally divided among all my children; And my
 plantation on which live & standing crops & of one hundred
 more or less be sold at the same time & equally divided as aforesaid
 I mean the price thereof — And lastly I do hereby nominate &
 appoint my son John Eacoch to be the executor of my last will &
 testament

received by all concerned as such as follows in the first place
1st I will & order that my funeral expenses & all my last debt
be paid in some convenient time after my decease —
2^d To my beloved wife Barbara I leave I will & bequeath two feather
beds & furniture and a very little maintenance for the my clothing
found on my plantation during her widowhood & lifetime as
may first occur

3^d I will & bequeath to my son Jesse I leave a good feather bed &
furniture & a good table & chair or two & a chair —

4th I will & bequeath to my son Peter I leave my negro boy & John
and my children

5th I will & bequeath to my daughter Betty I leave one good
feather bed and furniture —

6th I will & bequeath to my daughter Peggy I leave one
good feather bed and furniture —

7th I do hereby will & expressly order that all my household and
kitchen furniture not disposed of before as well as my stock of
every kind & all my farming implements be retained and kept
on this my plantation for the support & accommodation of my
widow & the family as usual with us. That at the marriage or death of
my said widow I leave a parcel, I do hereby will, order & direct that
such ~~part~~ property that is now left & bequeathed for the support
of my family and may then remain, be sold for the best price that
may be had, and equally divided among all my children; and my
plantation on which I am now residing I leave to my son Jesse &
my wife be sold at the same time & equally divided as aforesaid
I mean the price thereof — And lastly I do hereby nominate &
appoint my son Thomas I leave & bequeath to him & his heirs &
of this my last will & testament, retaining all others be binding
in hereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day &
year above written — In presence of us who were present & saw
the said Jesse I leave the Testator sign, seal & presence this & he
contains his last will & testament & also saw each other sign this
Instrument as her before Thoms
Jesse I leave & bequeath
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