

In the Name of God Amen. I, John Belk of the State of North Carolina  
 Mecklenburg County being weak in body but perfect in mind &  
 memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing  
 it is appointed one for men to die And as touching my worldly  
 Estate to be with it he has pleased God to bless me with in  
 this World. I have & bequeath to the same in manner following  
 1<sup>st</sup> I leave my wife Mary Ann Belk the plantation now known  
 & my negro fellow George & black & white sufficiency of my stock  
 & house hold furniture all which I leave her to possess & enjoy  
 during her life or widowhood - 2<sup>nd</sup> I leave my son John Belk  
 my negro fellow George & his wife & child - 3<sup>rd</sup> I leave my son  
 Darling Belk one negro girl named Tiller & one negro girl  
 named Wagon & the first child that Tiller has I leave to my  
 Grand daughter Sarah Belk daughter of Darling Belk -  
 4<sup>th</sup> I leave to my Grandson James Belk one negro girl named Tomp  
 & one negro boy named Will & the first child that Tomp has  
 I leave to James Belk & his daughter Sarah. 5<sup>th</sup> I leave to my  
 daughter Nancy Belk one negro named Charles to her & her  
 lawful heirs. 6<sup>th</sup> I leave my daughter Frances to continue  
 three hundred & fifty dollars to be raised out of my Estate  
 to buy her a negro girl. - 7<sup>th</sup> I leave one hundred & twenty  
 Dollars to my son James Belk's children that he has by his  
 lawful wife to be raised out of my Estate and Equally divided  
 amongst them. I also leave to my son James Belk five  
 pounds to be raised out of my Estate. - 8<sup>th</sup> I leave to William  
 Cabot or his lawful children begotten by my daughter  
 Gracey his wife Ten pounds to be raised out of my Estate if  
 they ever apply for it, and it not to return to the executors  
 or their lawful heirs. I also leave my son John Belk  
 one more negro named Bet & his child. I also leave  
 my son Darling Belk one more negro boy named little  
 George - I also leave my Grandson James Belk one more  
 negro boy named Jackson. I also will that all my lands  
 except the plantation now known as the Belk place to be with  
 all the rest of my Estate to be sold to pay me with

estate. I have Virginia & the same in mine, following  
this world. I have Virginia & the same in mine, following

1st I have my wife Mary Ann Bell the plantation now known  
as my negro fellow George & Rachel & a sufficiency of my stock  
& house hold furniture all which I leave her to dispose & enjoy  
during her life or widowhood - 2<sup>nd</sup> I have my son John Bell  
my negro fellow Rachel & her wife Sylvia - 3<sup>rd</sup> I have my son  
Darting Bell one negro girl named Tiller & one negro girl  
named Wagon & the first child that Tiller has I leave to my  
Grand daughter Sarah Bell daughter of Darting Bell -  
4<sup>th</sup> I leave to my Grandson James Bell one negro girl named Temp  
one negro boy named Will & the first child that Temp has  
I leave to James Bell & his daughter Sarah - 5<sup>th</sup> I leave to my  
Daughter Nancy & her one negro named Charles to her & her  
lawful heirs - 6<sup>th</sup> I leave my daughter Frances & her  
three hundred & 40<sup>th</sup> dollars to be raised out of my estate  
to buy her a negro girl - 7<sup>th</sup> I leave one hundred & twenty  
dollars to my son James Bell's children that he shall by his  
lawful wife to be raised out of my estate and equally divided  
amongst them. I also leave to my son James Bell five  
hundred to be raised out of my estate - 8<sup>th</sup> I leave to William  
Calvert or his lawful children byotten by my daughter  
Gracey his wife ten pounds to be raised out of my estate if  
they ever apply for it, and it not to return to the executor  
or their lawful heirs. I also leave my son John Bell  
one more negro named Bet Sylvia's child - I also leave  
my son Darting Bell one more negro boy named little  
George - I also leave my Grandson James Bell one more  
negro boy named Jackson. I also will that all my land  
except the plantations I now live on be sold together with  
all the rest of my movable estate except a sufficiency for my  
wife to live and all my just debts paid, and the rest  
equally divided between my Grandson James Bell and my  
own sons - Darting Bell & John Bell - I also will that Bet  
& her child be left with my wife during her life or widowhood

and I have old Dick on my plantation, and I desire that he be  
 taken care of; I also wish that the plantation that my wife  
 lives on and all the household furniture & moveable effects at  
 her death and Equally divided between my five children  
 by name John Belk, Darling Belk, Nancy Belk & James  
 Montgomery & James Belk my grandson & the rest of the negro  
 at her death to be appraised & equally divided between  
 my five children by name John Belk, Darling Belk Nancy  
 Belk & James Montgomery and my grandson James  
 Belk son of William Belk - I also appoint my son  
 John Belk & Darling Belk & my grandsons Belk to  
 execute my will and to take care of keep and the property  
 I have here & see that she don't suffer - and now I uttering  
 these, disavow & disallow all other wills, legacies wills, rights  
 titles or Dowry but this and this only to be my last will &  
 Testament hereunto I have set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 1804 In presence of us

J. I. Ellen  
 Frances Belk

John Belk

In the name of God Amen. I George B. Baker of the County of  
 Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina, considering the uncertainty  
 of this mortal life, and being of sound mind & memory, do hereby  
 in God's presence, do make & publish this my last will & Testament  
 in manner & form following To wit

First I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel B. Baker the free &  
 full use & benefit of the plantation whereon I now live with  
 all the improvement & appurtenances thereto belonging during  
 her life or widowhood, and it is also my last wish that my  
 beloved wife Rachel have, hold, & fully enjoy all my personal  
 estate viz my negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs & sheep also all my  
 growing tobacco, Household & kitchen furniture & all & every  
 other species of property to me in any wise belonging to be kept  
 and used & disposed of as she may think proper & nothing I hereby my