

it is appointed unto all men once to die, I do make & declare this
to be my last will & Testament, and first I recommend
my soul into the hand of God who gave it, and my body
to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner, nothing
doubting but I shall receive the same at the General
Resurrection by the mighty power of God —
and as touching such worldly property as I have placed the
Lord to bless me with, I dispose of it in the following manner
& form, And first directing all my just debts to be paid —
I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah I Peoples all
the worldly property that I possess of whatever kind during
her State of widowhood, and at her marriage or death I
do direct it to be equally divided among all my children
and in case any of them should be taken away by death
in their non age I allow their part to be equally divided
among the surviving ones, Also bequeathing my well
beloved wife Sarah I Peoples an equal share in her
dowry &c. And lastly I do nominate & appoint
my Trusty & beloved friend Col. John Davidson to be the
whole & sole executor of this my last will & Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& affixed my seal this 8th day of October 1827 —
Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of
Alexander Davis } John Peoples
Robert Carr - }

In the name of God Amen, I Samuel Beckel
Mecklenburg County & State of North Carolina being at
present weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind
blessed be God, calling to mind the transitoriness of the
body & that it is appointed all men once to die, I do make
& declare this my last will & Testament in manner and
form following, First, I recommend my soul to God who gave
and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like

and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors herein
 after mentioned; And as touching such worldly Estate as it hath
 pleased God to bestow upon me in this life, I give & dispose of the
 same as follows. Viz First that my just Debts & funeral expen-
 ses be paid & discharged as soon as convenient after my decease.
 I give & bequeath unto my four sons the plantation I now
 live on to be equally divided between them. If any of
 them should die before they come of age, the rest of the boys
 to have their part, but them to either to have her living
 off it her life time or as long as she remains my widow
 I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah all the household
 & kitchen furniture & blacksmith tools two horse teams to
 all the plows & gears & hoes, in lawn & other ten cows & pigs
 to raise the family, and as long as she remains my widow
 if she marries then things to be sold by Executors if the two
 negroes do not, to wit each five hundred & sixty three, I
 want them hired till better times I will, and all the
 monies arising from the present sale with all my share
 in possessions with all my outstanding debts to be equally
 divided between all my children only Margaret and
 Jacob Pennington, them I will five Dollars —
 I hereby nominate constitute & appoint William Hunter
 the sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, hereby
 revoking all other will & Testaments he stands whereof I
 have set my hand & fixed my seal 20th November 1827
 Signed sealed in presence of us.

Witness my hand & seal

John Duffy

Samuel Becket

I James Potts in the name of God Amen. Do make this
 my Will & Testament and the worldly property that it hath
 pleased God to give me to be disposed of in the following man-
 ner. Viz I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Potts
 the plantation I now live on with the farming
 tools & household furniture & all the negroes I now have