

17. Mary Parker's Will

In the name of God Amen
I Mary Parker of the State of North Carolina and of
the County of Montgomery being in perfect mind and
memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human
life and the certainty of death do hereby make and
publish this as my last will and Testament in manner
and form as follows viz

Item 1st

I give and bequeath unto my three youngest sons Mason
Parker William Parker Calhoun Parker all the lands
which I now hold in possession

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath unto my five sons Lewis Parker
Garnet Parker Mason Parker William Parker and
Calhoun Parker and my six daughters Jane McKee
Mary Ogier Elizabeth Sedberry Margaret Parker
Lively Deberry and Sarah Atkins four Negroes
Mordun Ted Jim and Martha Mason Parker is to
have his brother Henry Parker part of the Estate
It is my wish that my daughters above named have
equal part in the above named Negroes during
their natural life and then to their children

Item 3rd

I give and bequeath to my son Mason Parker and
my five daughters Jane McKee Elizabeth Sedberry
Margaret Parker Lively Deberry and Sarah Atkins
Six Negroes Elin Peter Emily Armstead Ann
and Elie to be equally divided between Mason
Parker Jane McKee Elizabeth Sedberry Margaret
Parker Lively Deberry and Sarah Atkins
It is also my desire that my daughters have this
property during their natural lives and then to
their children It is also my desire that my
daughters' parts of the Estate belong to them
during their natural life then to their children

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Item 4th

I give my negro woman Mary to be equally
divided amongst my sons and daughters
above mentioned

Item 5th

I further leave to my beloved daughter Margaret
Parker a Negro boy named Ned about five
years of age

Item 6th

All the balance of my property not mentioned
to be equally divided amongst the above named
heirs

Item 7th

It is also my desire that my daughter Martha
Carter and John Carter her husband shall
have five Dollars only

Item 8th

I give to Thomas H. Atkins fifty cents only

Item 9th

I hereby nominate my son Mason Parker
and Thomas Williams Executors to this
my last will and Testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this the 29 day of September A.D. 1849

Wit Martin McPherson
John McAulay

Mary Parker Seal
Mark

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In the name of God amen
 I Mary Parlow of the County of Montgomery
 & State of North Carolina being thorough
 The abundant mercy & goodness of God through
 weak in body yet of a sound & perfect
 understanding the Memory do constitute this my
 last will & testament and desire it to be revised
 by all as such in premises I most humbly
 bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching
 his most gracious acceptance of it through the
 all sufficient merit & mediation of my most
 compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave
 himself to be an atonement for my sins & is
 able to save to the uttermost all that come
 unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to
 make intercession for them & trust will not
 reject me a returning penitent & sinner when
 I come to him for mercy in this hope & confidence
 render up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching
 The most blessed & glorious Trinity our God most
 holy most merciful & gracious to prepare me for
 the time of my dissolution & then to take me
 to himself into that peace & rest & incomparable
 felicity which he has prepared for those who
 that love & fear his holy name Amen
 In premises I give my body to the earth from
 whence it was taken in full assurance of
 its resurrection from thence at the last day
 as for my burial I desire it may be decent without
 pomp or state at the discretion of my Executor hereafter
 named whom I doubt not will manage it with all requisite
 prudence — As to my worldly estate I give & bequeath to my
 friend Dison Deaton all the notes, receipts & claims what-
 soever that I may have against him without reserve
 2^d I give & bequeath to Dison Deaton two oldest
 sons Thomas Deaton & Mrs Butler Deaton

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 all my tract of land lying on the south side of
 Deaton Creek joining the lands of Jas Hogan
 John W Hogan & Deaton I also give and
 bequeath to the s^d Thomas & Mrs Deaton two beds
 and furniture & also I give and bequeath to my
 beloved friend Elizabeth Deaton the wife of Dison
 Deaton & her children all the balance of my Estate
 including all my substance over what is before mentioned
 I do now constitute Dison Deaton Executor of this
 my last will and Testament & Trustee
 In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal
 this the 26 day of November in the year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty six
 Edward Wright
 Daniel A McQueen
 Mary Parlow (seal)
 Mark