

Item; I also give and bequeath to my said son Jesse Denson one cow and calf and two ewes and lambs to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever.

Item: I lend to my wife Mary Denson all the rest and remainder of my estate both within deers and without during her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided between my nine children namely Isabella Molly, Joseph, Benjamin, Ann, John, Jesse, Hulda and Betty to be held and enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

Item: I do constitute and appoint my sons Joseph Denson & John Ricks my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of August, One thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

Sealed, published and declared

Benjamin Denson (Seal)

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in presence of us
Wilson Vick
Arthur Wester
Mathew Wester
Nash County

October court, 1781

The within will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Mathew Wester and ordered to be recorded.

Attest:

a. *Amington*, D.C.C.
~~Wm Hall, C.C.~~
Wm Hall, C.C.

and is recorded.-----

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In The name of God Amen the 25th day of January, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty. I Jacob Barnes of Nash County, and State of North Carolina, being of perfect mind and sound memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, principally and first of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of god that gave it me, and as to my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a christian ^{and} decent manner at the discretion my executors, and as touching my worldly estate I give and bequeath in manner and form following (to wit)

In premiss, I will that my just debts and funeral charges be paid.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son John Barnes twenty shillings lawful money of this state to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Barnes the land and plantation whereon I now live lying on the north side tar River in said county containing one hundred acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever. Likewise one cow to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving son William Barnes one negroe boy named Dick to him and his heirs forever, Likewise twenty shillings of lawful money to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Barnes three head of sheep to his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Joiner twenty shillings lawful money of this state to her and her heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Jones twenty shillings current money to her and her heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grand son Jonas Barnes ^{Wheatley} twenty shillings current money to him and his heirs.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elisabeth one feather bed and furniture, I likewise lend her the use of all the remainder part of my estate real and personal (not before bequeathed by this will) during her life or widowhood and at her death to my son Benjamin;

Item: My will is that my beloved son Benjamin Barnes take possession of that part of my estate lent to my beloved wife, (during her life or widowhood) to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elisabeth and loving son Benjamin Executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disanuling all former wills by me heretofore by me made publishing this and no other to be my last will and testament. Signed sealed, published and pronounced

in the presence of
Dun Lamon
Arch Lamon
John Gordon

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Jacob Barnes

(Seal)

Nash County. October court 1781.

The within will was duly proved by the oaths of Dun Lamon, and John Gordin and ordered to be recorded.

A. Arrington, D.C.C.

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and is registered Attest Wm Hall, C.C.

IN THE Name of God, Amen I Thomas Horn ~~Servt of~~ Edgecombe County in the province of North Carolina, planter, being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks begiven unto god for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament (that is to say) principally and first of all. I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of god that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like ^{and decent} manner at the discretion of my executors Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath of the same in manner and form following that is to say

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Horn the sum of one shilling sterling him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Horn the sum of one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever..

Item: I give and bequeath unto Thomas ^{Budgen} ~~Budgen~~ the sum of one shilling to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto William Futral the sum of one shilling sterling to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Catherine Horn two cows and calves and two sows and piggs one feather bed and furniture.