

In the Name of God amen. I Duncan Baker, being weak of body but of perfect sound mind and judgment do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

I give my soul to almighty god that gave it and nobody to be buried at the discretion of my executors here after named.

My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and then all my worldly goods and funeral charges I leave to my beloved wife Silpha Baker eighty seven and half acres of land with all the farming tools that belong to me with one horse and saddle one cow and five sheep one ewe and calf and five sheep one bedstead and contents all cooking utensils one loom and gear one wheel and cards one cart and wheels one chest two tables twelve setting chairs all the water vessels also I give her my wife Silpha her house provisions and I leave her 7 head of geese and the turkey and chickens to her during her natural life time and at her death to be divided equally between my two children viz: Adeline and Calvin with exception of the land and the house.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Agallan Baker one bedstead and furniture and 3 head of sheep one cow and seven pigs one cow and calf, with part of that land her mother to her heirs lawfully of her body.

Item: I give and bequeath my beloved son Calvin E Baker, eighty seven and half acres of land with one horse this to come to him after the death of his mother one cow and 7 pigs one cow and calf one work steer one bedstead and furniture one shot gun the sheep left to his mother with the whole of the crop that is on the land at this time of what ever it be to him and his heirs lawfully forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to be beloved son Alexander Baker five dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved son Josiah Baker five dollars to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to beloved daughter Nancy Beem five dollars to her and the lawful heirs of her body.

Also I constitute and appoint my friend George W Cooper my executor to my last will and testament.

This the 7th day of June 1861.
 Janner Langley
 John Beem
 Duncan Baker (Seal)
 Mark.

State of North Carolina, Nash County court of pleas and quarter session August term 1861.
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Duncan Baker deceased was exhibited in open court by Geo. W Cooper the executor therein named and the execution of the same by the said Duncan Baker being duly proved by the oath and examination of Janner Langley and John Beem the subscribing witnesses thereto it is declared by the court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is lawful will and testament of the said Duncan Baker deceased the same is ordered to be recorded, whereupon Geo. W Cooper the executor therein named qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law.

and is recorded in obedience thereto

Attest D. H. S. Ruby, C. J. A.

I Josiah Mathes of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being sick in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make public and declare this to be my last will and testament in following manner and form as follows that is to say:

Let that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for anybody a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whatsoever, owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Let I leave to my beloved wife Penelope Mathes the tract of land I now live on containing one hundred and fifty acres also all of my stock of horses cattle sheep hogs, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, dwelling natural life or widowhood, should she survive before her death all the property I own land excepted to be sold and equally divided between the lawful heirs together of my own body Francis Mathes excepted that is to my Arminda Mathes, Elizabeth Mathes, Isley Mathes and fifty Mathes and share and share alike.

I also give to my beloved son Francis Mathes the tract of land known and by me called the Harrison tract adjoining William Manning and my home tract and others, also the land which I land myself at her death.

My will also is that my four daughters herein mentioned have with child as long as the y see proper and live single.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my true friend Benjamin Biltre my executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

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Witnesses whereof I the said Josiah Mathes do hereunto set my hand and seal the 15th day of August, 1861

signed, sealed published and declared by the said Josiah Mathes to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses hereto.

Attest.
 J. H. Manning.
 Josiah M. Mathes (Seal)
 Uriah Crookmore.

North Carolina, Nash County Court of pleas and quarter session Nov. term, 1861

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Josiah Mathes do heretofore for probate on the testimony of J. H. Manning and Uriah Crookmore the subscribing witnesses thereto and duly proved and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded whereupon Benjamin Biltre the executor therein named was duly qualified as such.

Attest. D. H. S. Ruby, C. J. A.
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I Willie Whitley of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: First, My will and desire is that my burial and expenses and just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named.

Item: I leave to Frances Rackley negro woman Mary and her two children Dick and Ned and her increase during his natural life and after his death to be equally divided between my four grand children to wit: Nancy E Rackley, Matilda J Rackley, Willie F. M. Rackley, and William J. Rackley. I have given my daughter Elizabeth one cow and calf one chest and the curtain bedstead I allotted for her I give to her daughter Matilda J Rackley, also one side saddle one blanket and one bed and furniture.

Item: I have given my son John D. Whitley, one hundred acres of land one cow and calf two cows and pigs one bed and furniture one pine chest and one rifle and at my death I give him negro man Jacob one bay filly and all my Medical books and medicines.

Item: I have given my son James D. Whitley, three hundred and three dollars and fifty three cents in money one bay filly one cow and yearling two cows and pigs, one bed and furniture one pine chest two guns seven barrels corn one blade stack one bridge and saddle and four hundred pounds pork and at my death I give him negro boy George.

Item: I have given my daughter Martha Ann Rackley, one pine chest one curtain bedstead and bed and furniture one cow with calf and yearling one wheel and cards one side saddle one pewter basin and soap.

Item: I give my two grand daughters Sarah S Rackley, and Celestia Ann D. Rackley, negro girl Lucy and her increase to be equally divided between them and fifty dollars in money each when they arrive at twenty one years of age.

Item: I have given my son Willie D. Whitley, one bed and furniture, one cow and pig one cow and calf one gray horse, one bridge and saddle two hundred and fifty pounds of pork and one hundred dollars in money and at my death I give him negro boy Isaac.

Item: I have given my son Joel S Whitley one cow and yearling one horse one cow and yearling one bed and furniture two cows and pigs one hundred and thirty six pounds of pork and at my death I give him negro man Ephraim and woman Penelope and one hundred acres of land being known as the Sarah Mathes land.

Item: I have given my son Arthur A. Whitley, one cow and yearling one horse one cow and pig and at my death I leave him one bedstead one furniture and negro woman Charlotte during his natural life and at his death to be equally divided between my living heirs. I also leave him the said Arthur A. Whitley the land on the east side of the branch whereon he now lives during his natural life and at his death I give the said land to John D. Whitley. I also give to the said John D. Whitley, the land on the west side of the branch whereon I now live embracing all my real estate not before given away by his saying to Willie D. Whitley, and Joel S Whitley, one hundred dollars each.

Item: I have given my daughter Katharine P Whitley one bed and cover but no bedstead and at my death I give her the curtain bedstead on which I lie and one and a half dozen dollars in money. I have already given her a cow and calf and at my death I leave her negro woman Francis and her two children Rebecca and Emily, and their increase during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between her living heirs.

Item: I give my granddaughter Martha Ann S Rackley one cow and furniture one wheel and cards one chest six guns all her school books and one white negro girl by the name of Lissy and her increase and fifty dollars when she arrives at twenty years of age.

Lastly: All the balance of my property not heretofore disposed of I leave to be held by my executors and equally divided between John D. Whitley, James D. Whitley, Willie D. Whitley, Joel S. Whitley and Katharine P. Whitley.

I do hereby constitute and appoint John S. Whitley, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills