

North Carolina. Tolly:

To all people whom those presents shall come: Greeting.  
Know, all men that I John Baker, of New Hanover County, of the  
afore said, being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and  
memory, do make and ordain this my last will and to stand  
in the name of God. Amen. I resign my spirit to God who gave  
it, where he shall call me hence, and my body to be bury in the  
earth Christian manner; and as for what worldly goods it hath  
pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in manner  
following.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Baker  
one feather bed and furniture, two pewter dishes, two pewter basins  
six pewter platters, four cows and calves.

Item. I give and bequeath I lend unto my well beloved wife  
Mary Baker, the plantation whereon I live; I lend my two  
negroes Sam and Will to my well beloved wife Mary Baker  
as she goes by the widow Baker, as long as she goes by that name.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Emory  
Fikes, ten shillings proclamation money.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Arthur  
Baker, ten shillings proclamation money.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter  
Semina Baker, two cows and calves.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter  
Pranilla Baker, two cows and calves.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter  
Sarah Baker, two cows and calves.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son John  
Baker, two negroes Sam and Will, all my lands & moveables  
and if this my son John Baker, should chance to die before he  
becomes of age or without heirs.

I continue and appoint Thomas Corbett and John Baker  
the Executors of this my last will and Testament, and my  
will and desire is that nothing may be sold. In witness  
whereof I have set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of  
August in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven  
hundred sixty and six.

In presence of us

Test.

Joseph Dilland  
Adoniram Treadwell  
John Baker

his  
John F Baker, Seal  
mark

New Hanover, September, Court 1776

The execution of the within will proved on the oath of Adam and Thaddeus a subscribing evidence thereto who swore that he saw the Testator sign, seal, publish, execute and deliver the within as his last will and Testament in due form of law. And at the same time Thomas Corbett qualified as Executor, to the same agreeable to law. Ordered that letters testamentary, issued thereon accordingly.

Letters issued Decr 15<sup>th</sup> 1776

John London.

In the name of God Amen. I Anthony Bourdeaux of the County of New Hanover and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto 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,

First of all. I give and recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial 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 has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner, and form.

First. I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Priscilla Bourdeaux the third part of all my personal estate and to peaceably enjoy my house and plantation and all privileges pertaining to the same during her natural life or widowhood; and also I give and bequeath to my eldest son Anthony, the one half of my land the upper part including my plantation after his mother's decease or widowhood. Also I give and bequeath to my second son James the lower half of the said land. Also I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Martha one shilling sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my sons Peter and Daniel that tract of land laying the West side of Long Creek to be equally divided between them.