

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Barker of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina being weak in body but firm and rational in mind and knowing that life is at all times uncertain do Ordain & make publish and declare this my last will & Testament revoking all other wills by me made

Item 1st I desire & will that I should be decently buried in the manner & at the discretion of my honest & Trusty friend Dempsey Harrell of New Hanover Co. wherever he may select.

Item 2^d I will that all my honest debts in North Carolina shall be paid out of my estate in North Carolina the balance if any is left I desire to be disposed of as follows I will that my Brother Benjamin Barker should be paid the sum of Fifty Dollars which I owe him with Interest I will also that my Brother Alexander E. Parker should be paid Eighty Dollars which I owe him the balance if any is left I will bequeath to my Brothers & Sisters now living to be shared equally by each of them & their children share & share alike

What land and stock I own in the State of Maine my native State I leave to my Father during his natural life that is I give him a lease an said property during his lifetime as aforesaid after his death my will & desire is that the aforementioned property of mine in the State Maine should be equally divided between my Brothers & Sisters & their children after their death

My fishing boat I will bequeath to my valued friend Dempsey Harrell Esq of New Hanover Co

Lastly I appoint my aforesaid trusty friend Dempsey Harrell my Executor of this my will & Testament to manage my estate in North Carolina to collect all debts due me by account or note or in any lawful way to pay what ever debts I owe in North Carolina and my will desire is that he should after my death take charge of all my effects & papers & other property in North Carolina & to manage my estate & settle the same. In Testimony of all which I hereunto affix my hand and seal this April 22^d 1855

Joseph ^{his} Barker Seal

Witnessed sealed & subscribed by
delivered in presence of us

V S. Satchwell
Martin Black
Culling Bludworth

State of North Carolina
New Hanover County Court June Term 1855

This paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Joseph Barker is exhibited in open Court & offered for probate & is duly proven by the oath of Culling Bludworth one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & as such considered by the Court to be & contain the last will & Testament and as such sufficient to convey the property therein bequeathed at the same time Dempsey Harrell the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified according to law

Test Saml W. Huntington