

Joseph Benthalls Will

In the name of Ed. Amen I Joseph Benthall of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory thanks to the God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say first I give my soul in the hands of Almighty God who give it me and my body to be buried decent manner by my Executors hereafter to be named and trusting my worldly estate I deliver of the same in manner and form following Viz

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Benthall five shillings specie to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Benthall five shillings specie to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son William Benthall five shillings specie to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Laban Benthall one Negro man named Tom to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Bulah Benthall his first choice of all my Horses together with two leather led Harness his first choice of six head of cattle, six head of sheep, his first choice of one half of my Hogs, two Chests and all my Iron pots & Kettles also all my pewter, six chairs one new floor wheel all my plantation stearls and one Desk, also all my tools of every sort to him and his heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Susanna Jenkins five shillings specie to her & her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Mary Clifton Clara Turner, Fidelity Wesson & Rhoda Wesson all the land and Chattels they have now in their possession which I lent them, to them & their heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Clara Turner my moving Loom and gun to her & her heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Baber Benthall three Negroes to wit Marcus Isaac & Jacob with their increase to him and his heirs forever

Item

Item My Will and desire is that my Negro woman Ethel be sold by Lemuel Parker & Leaborn Jenkins in current money of the State and the money arising from the sale thereof shall be paid unto my Daughter Clara Turner, I say the Grand Children Fidelity John & Isaac Wesson to be equally divided my Daughters to have her part as soon as the Negro is valued and the rest to my Grand Children as they come of age if twenty one years by my son Baber Benthall to him and their heirs forever

Item I Give and bequeath unto Baber Benthall one black walnut Buffed one walnut safe, also one small gun and sword, to him and his heirs of his body lawfully begotten of his body for life and his heirs my desire is that my grand son Abel Benthall shall have the said property & his heirs forever

Item My Will and desire is that the remainder of my estate not already given away be equally divided between my two sons Laban & Baber Benthall to them & their heirs forever

Item I Give unto Henry Garriss the things that I lent him to him and his heirs forever

I do nominate and appoint my son Baber Benthall and Leaborn Jenkins my Executors of this my last Will & Testament I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of October 1796

Signed Seal & Delivered In the presence of us Joseph Benthall & Leaborn

Leaborn
Lemuel Parker

Northampton County J.P.
Superior Court 1798

Then this Will of Joseph

Benthall do was duly proved by the Oath of Lemuel Parker Northampton Baber Benthall & Leaborn Jenkins the Executors therein named was duly qualified, Ordained to be Recorded & Recorded

Attest
E. W. Haynes M.