

Abalom Deberry's Will

In the name of God amen I Abalom Deberry of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for it casting to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men to die first I recommend my soul to Almighty God in hopes of its future happiness and my body to the ground to be decently entombed & buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned & my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in form and manner following

Item I leave the use of my land and plantation whereon I now live to my wife Susannah during her widowhood with one Black and four Negroes by the names of James, Ned, Peter & Lucy she and my stock except three Horses that my wife thinks can be best spared and them three Horses should be sold and the money they fetch I desire should be taken care of for my son Thomas Deberry when he comes of age.

Item I leave to my beloved wife all my Household goods & furniture during her widowhood except my beds which I desire when my childrens goods off for themselves they should have a bed and furniture a piece given them.

Item I desire that my Negroes follow by the name of Lewis should be sold out until my son Allen comes of age & the money he hires for I give to my son Thomas Deberry and his heirs forever.

Item After my wife's widowhood I give to my son Allen Deberry the Land and plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever.

Item After my wife's widowhood I give to my son Matthias Deberry the Land and plantation I bought of Benjamin Furbush to him and his heirs forever.

Item I desire and my will is that all my Negroes which I have not already lent to my wife should be equally divided between all my children when my son Allen Deberry comes of age, reserving the

the use of a Negro girl by the name of Rachel (my Daughter Sam) until my Negroes are divided as I have mentioned and then the said Negro girl Rachel to be put in and divided as the rest of my Negroes. I also desire that my Daughter Sarah should have the use of one Negro girl by the name of Rachel until my Negroes are divided as aforesaid and then put in and divided with the rest of my Negroes equally among all my children. My Will and desire is and I do appoint Henry Deberry, Benjamin Deberry, Eum Holman, and Timothy Morgan to divide my Negroes aforesaid equally between all my children after my son Allen comes of age to them & their heirs forever.

Item My Will is and I desire after my wife's widowhood that the Negroes I have lent her by the names of James, Ned, Peter & Lucy should be equally divided between all my children I desire the same when I have appointed to divide the said Negroes should divide them also to them & their heirs forever.

Item After my wife's widowhood my Will and desire is that all the rest of my estate which I have not already given away should be sold and the money equally divided between all my children except my Horses and them I desire should be divided between all my sons that shall be alive at that time I say to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Thomas Deberry all the ready money I now possess with after paying my just debts to him & his heirs forever.

Item I desire all my brandy except what is wanting for my House use should be sold and the money I give to my son Thomas Deberry. I do hereby nominate and appoint Henry Deberry, Eum Holman and Timothy Morgan my wife Susannah Deberry whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament this the 26th day of April 1795.

Liquid Sealed, published & declared this to be my last Will & Testament in presence of us
J. Edmunds
James Maddey

Abalom Deberry & a Seal

Northampton County, N.C.
June Court 1795

This Will of Abalom

Deberry do^t was proved by the Oath of James Maddey one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto whereupon Susannah Deberry was duly qualified as Executrix thereof. Ordered to be testified and Recorded.

Notary

E. Haynes Notary