

May 1818

August 1818

In the name of God amen I Benjamin Ward
 of the County of Randolph and State of
 North Carolina being of sound mind & memory do make
 this my will & testament in manner & form following
 Hereby Revoking all Wills by me heretofore made
 I certify I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
 every Word during her Natural Life the portion
 which I now live together with all that part
 of a tract of land I bought of George Hornum
 lying here of the Road leading from Grayston
 to Blowers Mills & also such parts of a tract
 I bought of William Bell adjoining the same
 place on the west as is shown after devised to my
 grandson as these Words, Son of David White
 also a Negro boy named George & I am during
 his Life and after I leave in the care of my
 said wife two negro children named Hannah
 & Henry to be raised by her and used by her during
 her Life, also all my down hold & the like furniture
 that I have formerly used at my present dwelling
 all which I give & bequeath unto my said
 wife during her Life & no longer I also
 bequeath unto my said wife the value of
 twelve thousand five hundred and two pounds & sixpence
 out of the parcel of Money that I have borne
 usually I did at the School house two courses
 before that are at my present dwelling and
 live at the old place I am of Ship

for I have my labor I will not do. Brown House, with
 with a sufficiency of provisions out of the crop
 on hand to support himself his negroes and stock
 for one year. Also one horse and three
 shovels Plows & two butting plows three butting
 axes three saws two mallets and butting box
 & knives all which I give to her natural
 life & no longer, and I do will and direct
 that the above described land shall not be
 rented out or any of it cleared more than is
 at present or the timber used more than is necessary
 for clearing land for farm in repair &

I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis Ward three
 negroes named Cherry, Sharpen & Arany and their
 increase for and during the life of him the
 said Lewis and at his death I give & bequeath
 said negroes and their increase to my grandson
 Benjamin Ward son of the said Lewis to him
 & his heirs for ever I give & bequeath unto the
 said Benjamin Ward one thousand one
 thousand dollars in money to him and his heirs for
 ever and if the said Benjamin Ward should die
 without lawful issue of his own then it is to
 be understood that the said Slaves and money
 shall descend to William Ward son of Ben-
 jamin Ward son of David and Solomon
 Ward son of Abner Ward to be equally divided
 amongst them I have & have like and I do
 bequeath it to them accordingly. —

39. I give and bequeath unto my son David
 Ward for and during his natural life all that part
 of the Plantation whereon he now lives that lies on
 the east of Moore's Road I mean by the name of
 George Harmon Place also three negroes named
 Isaac, Eliza & Sharon smallest was a still and at
 the death of him the said David I bequeath the
 aforesaid land named in this Item the said Negroes
 their increase and the said still unto my grandson
 Eleazer Ward son of David Ward I also give & bequeath
 unto my said grandson Eleazer Ward at the death
 of my wife Eleazer Ward all that part of the
 tract of Land I bought of George Harmon
 which lies west of the Road from Gray's Store
 to Moore's Mill and also that part of a tract
 of Land I bought of William Bile that lies east
 of a line to be then beginning at the corner of
 the Harmon & George Harmon Tracts running thence
 to the three Springs thence South to do Collocks and
 thence line including my present dwelling and
 improvements also two Negro girls named Nancy
 & Hannah and two Negro boys named Granville & Sam-
 uel the House hold & Kitchen Furniture, Stock of
 Horses cattle Hogs & Sheep & working Tools which
 my wife may have at her death in which I
 have bequeathed her a lifetime right all which I
 give & bequeath to him the said Eleazer Ward and
 his lawful heirs bequeathed by him but in case that
 Eleazer Ward should die without issue I
 give & bequeath the whole of the Land and
 personal Estate mentioned in this Item to my

Three Grand sons namely Benjamin Ward son of
Levin, William Ward son of Benjamin Solomon
Son of Anna to be Equally divided between them
I have a like one I do give & Bequeath
them accordingly —

I give & Bequeath unto my son Benjamin
Ward during his life the tract of Land whereon he
now lives which I bought of Samuel Hale and at the
death of the said Benjamin I give & Bequeath
that said Land to his son William Ward. I also give
& Bequeath unto my Grandson William Ward and heire
his named Lanny, who in case, my Largest daughter
and one thousand dollars in money & do will &
direct that the said girl and her heirs shall be
lived out from year to year until the said
William shall be of the age of twenty one years
At which I give & Bequeath unto the said son
the said William Ward & his Lawful heirs & heire
begotten by him but in case the said William shall
die without issue, then & in that case I give &
Bequeath the said Land, Slaves & other Personal
Estate mentioned in this plan unto Benjamin Ward
Son of Oliver Ward, Mathew Ward son of David
Ward & Solomon Ward son of Abner Ward to
them & their heirs for ever & I do bequeath unto
them accordingly —

I give & Bequeath unto my son Oliver Ward
for during his life my Old Plantation

Except such parts as such parts as is herein before
mentioned devised to Mathew Ward & such parts
as is herein after devised to Solomon Ward son of the
Abner also such negroes named Jim, Willie, Ann, Kate
Manning, Kate Lucy, also my son old sister all my
Cows, three Tubs, Apple Mill, my Hedges, all the plan-
tation tools there are in his possession Except such as
his Mother has a lifetime right in, with all the
Lower land & the other Tract which he has in possession
then I have my Bay, mare and black mare
and my black horse all my sheep Except what
he has before bequeathed to my wife and at
the death of said Abner Ward I bequeath the
whole of the said Land, negroes and other Personal
Property to my Grandson Solomon Ward son of the
said Abner I also give & Bequeath to the said Solomon
Ward that part of my Land whereon my son Elijah
now lives it being part of the Land purchased by me
from William Bate to be divided by a line beginning
at a Marked Lick on the line of Parkers Mill
Tract above my stile house running thence & crossing
Hoober Road at the south corner of the field, thence
Elyah Ward now lives there on the same course to
the original line of said tract of thence unto
bounded by Harper Gray & Parkers Mill Tract to
the beginning & also one thousand dollars in money all
of which I give & bequeath unto my Grandson
Solomon Ward & his Lawful heirs begotten by him

But in case the said Salomon should die
without issue I give & bequeath the whole
Land Negroes & other Personal property mentioned
in this Will to my three Grandsons Benjamin
Ward son of David & Lewis William Ward son
of Benjamin, & Matthew Ward son of David to
be Equally divided between them then & there
a like & I do give & bequeath it to them accordingly
I give & bequeath unto my Grandson who I
understand has been born of my daughter Mary
Hale (his name I do not know) One Thousand dollars
in Money to him & his Lawful heirs & assigns by
him for ever, But in case my said Grandson should
die without issue I give & bequeath the same
Which I intend for him to my three Grandsons
Benjamin Ward son of David, Salomon son of
Abner William Ward son of Benjamin and
Matthew Ward son of David Ward their heirs &
assigns for ever to be Equally divided amongst
them then & there a like & I do give &
bequeath it to them accordingly.

I do further Will & direct that my Executors here-
after named shall pay the residue of my debts of
little and large after taking my debts out of
such share or crop of corn as may be or land
at my death and also make sale of all my money
and the monies to be raised by such sale together
with what I may have in hand at my

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my death and my notes and outstanding debts
to be appropriated as a fund for paying off the lega-
cies herein before mentioned I do also hereby Will
and direct that my Legacies herein bequeathed to my
Grandsons Benjamin Ward son of David & Lewis
son of Benjamin, & Matthew Ward son of David &
Salomon Ward son of Abner & the son of my daughter
Mary Hale shall be paid out from year to year
until the said children shall arrive to the age of
Twenty one years & the best of the money of each
or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be applied
to wards giving the children a suitable Education
and that the whole of the Principal together with
such interest as may be due after paying for his
Schooling shall be paid over to each of the said
boys as they arrive at full age, and I do hereby
Constitute and appoint my son Abner Ward and
my two friends Lewis Jones and Alexander
Gray Executors of this my last Will & Testament
in ~~Witnes~~ whereof I the said Benjamin
Ward have hereunto set my hand and Affixed
my seal this 23 day of March in the year of
our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & Eighteen
And I have signed in the same Land writing
and an Erasure made in the third line of the second
shall before signed — Benjamin Ward
Signed before and acknowledged Benjamin Ward
my Benjamin Ward to be his last
written Testament in presence of us
Alex. Gray
Lewis Jones

But in case the said Solomon should die
without issue I give & bequeath the whole
Land Negroes & other Personal property which
in this I give to my three Grandsons Benjamin
Ward son of David of Lewis William Ward son
of Benjamin, & Matthew Ward son of David to
be Equally divided between them them & I have
a like & I do give & bequeath it to them accordingly
I give & bequeath unto my Grandson who I
understand has been born if my daughter Mary
shall (his name I do not know) One Thousand dollars
in Money to him & his Lawful heirs begotten by
him for ever, But in case my said Grandson should
die without issue I give & bequeath the same
which I intended for him to my three Grandsons
Benjamin Ward son of David, Solomon son of
Abner William Ward son of Benjamin and
Matthew Ward son of David Ward their heirs
equally for ever to be Equally divided amongst
them them & I have a like & I do give &
bequeath it to them accordingly

I do further Will & direct that my Executors here
after named shall sell the residue of my stock of
Cattle and Hogs after Valuing my Hogs out of
such place or brood of cows as may be on hand
at my death and also make sale of all my Money
and the Moneys to be raised by such sale together
with what I may have in hand at my

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my death and my notes and outstanding debts
I do appoint as a fund for paying off the lega-
cies herein before mentioned I do also hereby direct
and direct the Money Legacies herein bequeathed to my
Grandson Benjamin Ward son of David and
son of Benjamin, & Matthew Ward son of David &
Solomon Ward son of Abner & the son of my daughter
Mary shall be paid out from year to year
until the said children shall arrive to the age of
Twenty one years & the trust of the Money of each
or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be
toward giving the children a suitable Education
and that the whole of the Principal together with
such interest as may be left after paying for his
Schooling shall be paid over to each of the said
Boys as they arrive at full age, and I do hereby
Constitute and appoint my son Abner Ward and
my two Sons David, John and Alexander
Pray Executors of this my last Will & Testament
in Witness whereof I the said Benjamin
Ward have hereunto set my hand and Affixed
my seal this 29 day of February in the year of
our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred & Eighty
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Affixed my seal in the County of Lancaster
and in the Province of New Hampshire
Shall before signed — Benjamin Ward
Signed sealed and acknowledged by
my Benjamin Ward to be his last
and Testament in presence of us
Abner Pray
J. Graham
Lewis Jones

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter
Randolph County Novemb^r August term 1818.

The Execution of the Will of Benjamin Reed &c
Was proven in open Court by Alexander Gray & Lewis
Davis Esqs of the said County Witnesses & returned to the
Recorder
John Harper Clerk

I Elizabeth Barton of Randolph County in
North Carolina do make & publish this my last will
and Testament hereby by revoking all former wills
by me made —

1st I Give and bequeath unto my son John Barton
one Negro Woman by the name of Lucy and her
three Children viz. Elizabeth, Jimmy and Margaret
Which Negroes he has had in possession —

2nd I Give unto unto my daughter Elizabeth my old
Negro Woman Betty also my Negro boy Bob
during her life also one cow my bed and wearing
clothes at the death of Betty the Negro boy
Bob that I hereby bequeath to Robert to my
son William Barton also the bed & wearing
clothes provided he contains and takes the necessary
care of Elizabeth during her life also of my two
old Negro Women Betty & Sarah which
I hereby be at liberty after the death of my

Wife in her care & protection if he should fail in
May wish to do so the property to go to my daughter
and her offspring to their support I also Give unto
him one Negro Girl by the name of Rachel also one
cow & Lamb Which he has

3rd I Give unto my son William Barton forty Shillings
in money — 4th I Give unto my Grandson

John Ferguson my Negro Girl named Patsy but
the first Child she may be delivered of is to belong
to my Grandson John Ferguson also one cow &
Lamb Which he has

5th I Give unto my Grandson Archibald Ferguson
my Negro Girl Hannah one cow & Quelling your
Hoggs & one cow & Lamb Which he has

6th I Give to my daughter Patsy five notes of
Land upon Archibald Ferguson each one hundred
dollars also one note upon William Barton to
the amount of one hundred ^{five} dollars or the full
amount in money if I Give to my Grand
daughter Elizabeth Taylor daughter of John
Reed one note of Land to the amount of
one hundred dollars in Archibald Ferguson
or the amount thereof in money —

7th I Give unto my Grandson William Ferguson
the before mentioned Negro Child Which the Girl Patsy
that I have given to her by John Ferguson may
be delivered of one four year old mare &
one year & Lamb Which he has

Jonathan Harper & Elizabeth Allen execs of John
Allen Sr. make the following Return of Goods
which have come into their hands since the final settlement
of the Estate of the said John Allen Sr. to wit
Paid to William M. Haverhill \$207.50
which they have disposed of as follows
To wit

Paid to Anna B. Brown \$24.74 2074
248.24
Paid to Elizabeth Allen Widow of the
said John Allen 1/3 part of Bond 81.02

Paid to John Harper guardian of Polly
of Allen since at Law of the said
John Allen 2/3 of the Bond 162.04 \$243.06

Which is a full & complete account
of the Comptroller's Office 22nd 1810

Jonathan Harper
Elizabeth Allen execs

Returnable to May Term 1819

Concurred with by the court

W. Hager Clerk

An account of Sales of the Personal Estate of
Benjamin Davis made by his administrators
1818 & 1819

	\$	¢	¢
William Commons			
1 Side of Leather	4	75	
3 Bushels Corn	5	11	21 75
Alb. Gings			
1 Side of Leather 202.22	6	22	
3 Bushels Corn	3	04	17 15
1 Box yoke in 1818	10		99
1 Hat	75		75
2 pp. Galloway Vinegar	16		172
1 pair of Leather	2	20	
	3	10	
3 1/2 Bay Blade Lard	14		476
1 Side Leather 204 pp 2 Shins	5		2 17 1/2
1 Box of 35, 1 Box of 60 Bushels	65		1 33
105 Bay Blade	44		16 20
24 Bushels Corn	318		75 36 165 9 1/2
James Yates 1 Side of Leather in 200.21	3		62
1 Box of 35	255		255
Lucy Jones 1 Side of Leather 302.14	3		30
1 Bushel Salt 110 2 Box of 35	170		2 10
David Ward			
1 Side of Leather 395, 1 Box of 35	4		95
1 Box of 35	27		17
11 Box of 35 15.15	105		10
1 Side	100		
14 Side of Leather 20.52 2 Box of 35	26		
1 from 100	92		2 42

65 th Anna Ward			158 20 3/4
1 book of prayer & hymns	1 70		
3 August 1845	2 85		
1 book of prayer 200 p. 1845	5 51		
1 book of prayer in the land	3 50		
1 August	2 57		
1 Aug 25. 1 book	2 88		
1 book of prayer	17 12		
2 book of prayer 24. 1845	46 35		
1 book of prayer 1845	91 10		
1 book of prayer 1845	1 60		
2 book of prayer 1845	17 29		
1 book of prayer 1845	105 10		
1 book of prayer 1845	16 80		
1 book of prayer 1845	7 75		
1 book of prayer 1845	5 25		
1 book of prayer 1845	7 25		
1 book of prayer 1845	4 55		
1 book of prayer 1845	46 25 00		
1 book of prayer 1845	325 65 3 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	1 10		
1 book of prayer 1845	2 11		
1 book of prayer 1845	50 13 14 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	10 10 10		
1 book of prayer 1845	89 8 2 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	83 9 4 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	97 2 8 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	27 25 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1845	56 56		
1 book of prayer 1845	1865 26 3/4		

May 1849			1865 26 3/4
1 book of prayer 1849	100 80		
1 book of prayer 1849	12 1/2 13 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1849	15 1/2 4 0 3/4		
1 book of prayer 1849	16 25		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 60		
1 book of prayer 1849	4 50		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 25		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 60		
1 book of prayer 1849	4 55		
1 book of prayer 1849	6 40		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 57		
1 book of prayer 1849	31 25		
1 book of prayer 1849	2 11		
1 book of prayer 1849	2 11		
1 book of prayer 1849	150		
1 book of prayer 1849	34 55		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 25		
1 book of prayer 1849	12 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1849	01 31 02		
1 book of prayer 1849	155 20 7 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1849	6 72 1/2		
1 book of prayer 1849	16 25		
1 book of prayer 1849	76 76		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 75		
1 book of prayer 1849	37		
1 book of prayer 1849	1 50		
1 book of prayer 1849	2 10 63 16		
1 book of prayer 1849	220 26 3/4		

Lucas Layer				1241 44 1/2
11 Reg hails in 90	275	2	65	
1 Bar. Sails & dog iron		1	31	
1 Bar. Sails 120 1/2 bar. Sails 500		5	20	9 16
Thomas J. Thorton 5 barrels Corn	320	"	"	17 30
Christian Henry				
1200000 1/2 90 Bar. Sails 311	"	"	"	3 91
John Andrew August	20	"	"	20
Geo. Bruchstein 1 Bar.	30	"	"	30
Henry Young 2 Bar. Sails	113	"	"	2 26
Geo. Brown 26 1/2 the barrel	100	"	"	1 00
Ben. Elliott 1/2 1/2 2 butters knives	"	"	"	6 1/2
Abraham Elliott 1 Bar. Sails 1/2 1/2				
1/2 iron 22				99
Lucas Ward				
22 1/2 Cotton	27	15	96	
1 Bar.	30	"	"	
1 Bar.	152			
1 Bar.	"	60		
1 1/2 3 3/6 3 Bar.	260	5	96	
1 1/2 Sails 10 1/2 1/2 1/2	25	"	35	
20 1/2 Cotton	9	1	110	226 27
1 Bar. Sails 22 1/2 1/2	1090	52	90	
9 1/2 1/2 1/2	47	30		
12 " "	64	74		
2 1/2 Sails				
Robert Moore 1 Bar. Sails	34	158	59	
" "	"	"	14 50	

Enoch Cottate				2675 7 1/2
1 Bar. Sails 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 150	1	50		
1 Bar. Sails 260 2 Bar. Sails 60	3	20		
1 Bar. Sails 279 3 Bar. Sails 225	10	10		
1 Bar. Sails			55	
1 1/2 215 1/2 Bar. Sails	25	230	28 39	
James Elliott				
1 Bar. Sails 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 17 10				
1 Bar.	5	20	22 30	
James Elliott				
1 Bar. Sails	2	10		
1 Bar. Sails 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 230				
1 Bar. Sails 11 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 166				
1 Bar. Sails 55 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 45				
1 Bar. Sails	"	55	7 57	
Ben. Young 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 12 50				
1 Bar. Sails	13	35		
1 Bar.	25	95		
1 Bar.	12	65		
6 Bar. Sails 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 350	1	60	56 55	
1 Bar.				
Pommet Gordon				
106 Bar. Sails	125	182	50	
2 Bar. Sails 200 1 Bar. Sails 5	2	05		
1 Bar. Sails 100 2 Bar. Sails 375	4	75		
1 Bar. Sails	1	90	19 20	
James Elliott 39 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 39			39 39	
James Elliott 1 Bar. Sails 100 1 Bar. Sails 22 1/2			3 62	
John Hancock 1 Bar. Sails 65 1 Bar. Sails 10	95			
1 Bar. Sails 12 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 102	1	24		
3 Bar. Sails 30 1 Bar. Sails 3 1/2 1/2 1/2 13	1	9 3/4	4 65 1/2	
2 Bar. Sails 61 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 3 1/2			502 1/2 6 1/2	

William Bantman			3129 61/2
Single & 1 B. Bantman	300	" "	25 00
David Brown			
1 Pigons 151 1/2 from 20		1 70	
1 1/2 Bantman's corn	516	36 02	
22 1/2 Bantman's hightens at 1/2 Bantman	69	7 60 1/2	
1 Bantman's Hacks		6 05	
1 pair Hacks		" 13	
3 Hacks Caddis 1/2 1/2 Hacks 1/2 20		7 00	
21 1/2 Bantman's corn	314	66 88	
1/2 Bantman		35	125 74 1/2
John Gibson 1/2 Bantman's corn	65	" "	65
To Bantman's young men's corn	" "	" "	90
Ben Sanders			
1 half Bantman's & corn		1 67	
1/2 Bantman's hightens		51	
1 Bantman's corn	50	3 68	
Carroll Andrews Box			
1 Box 5' 1/2 Bantman's & Bantman 200	2 15	2 15	
From this sum 1/2 Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's (Carroll 3165 74			
Mr. Ward for the year support is 1/2 Bantman's			
W. H. Bantman's Bantman's of Benjamin Bantman Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's			
the above to be a true bill of the Bantman's of the Personal			
Estate of Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's			
May 1 1819			
Abner Ward			
Leaves Jones			
Alex Gray			

Account of Sale of Slaves belonging to
The Estate of John Bantman made by the
Sheriff to satisfy Sundry Equations which cannot
be paid from the Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's

1819 Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's	151 1/2	
1/2 Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's	531 1/2	
1 Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's	531 1/2	
1 Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's Bantman's	531 1/2	

3 days 1819
The Sheriff returned to the sum of two hundred
& thirty nine dollars thirty eight cents & being the balance
of the money after satisfying the Equations in hand
I gave back \$399 38

Account of the Sale of property belonging to the Estate of John Bantman made by the Sheriff to satisfy on the 2 of June 1818			
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		1 74	
Thomas Payne 1st Bantman's		1 15	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		1 25	
John H. Bantman 1st Bantman's		" 38	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		5 57	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		23	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		1 15	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		1 07	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		50	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		5	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		25	
Edience Lane 1st Bantman's		65	