

I do hereby revoke all former wills & testaments, heretofore by me made or done, ratifying this & no other to be my last will & test: in witness whereof I have set hereunto my hand & seal this 20th day of February 1795.

Signed, sealed & published,
in the presence of us.

Abraham Brown (seal)
Peter Lintz (seal)

In the name of God Amen! I Henry Barkley of County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being in perfect mind & memory do this 13th day of June in the year 67, make, ordain & publish this my last will & test in the following manner (viz)

I give & bequeath to my son Robert five shillings.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary five shillings.

I give & bequeath to my son James my Negro boy named

I give & bequeath to my son John my Negro wench named

I give & bequeath to my son Thomas, that tract of land the now lies on & thirty pounds in money.

I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son to Robert Barkley five pounds.

I give & bequeath to my grandson James Cowan son to Thomas Cowan five pounds.

I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son to James Barkley five pounds.

I give & bequeath to my grandson Henry Barkley son to John Barkley five pounds.

I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Polly Barkley daughter to Thomas Barkley five pounds.

my remaining property, I allow to be sold & equally divided among my three sons, James, John, & Thomas Barkley.

Lastly, I do nominate & appoint my two sons James & John Barkley executors of this my last will & test: & I do hereby ratify & confirm this my last will & test:

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of June 1798.

Signed, sealed, & confirmed
in presence of us
Will^m Kilpatrick, Robt. Kilpatrick
Henry Barkley (seal)
Mark

In the name of God Amen! I Elijah Philip of Rowan County & State of N. Carolina, being weak in body but in perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to almighty God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, And knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test, that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God, in His will, & my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the discretion of my friends & 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 whereas it had pleased God, to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

1 I will that all my just debts & funeral charges be paid by my executors.

2 I will that as much of my estate, as may be deemed necessary for the support of my wife & children for one year be set apart out of my estate, for their support, to be laid out by three men whom my wife & executors may appoint.

3. I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife
& furniture (her choice) to her & her heirs forever. And further
I will unto my wife one Negro girl named Rachel, one
young bay mare & her saddle & bridle, one cow her choice
one loom & tackling, one shovel plough, & tackling belonging
thereunto, one dresser & the dresser furniture, one large table
& one small ditto one washing wheel & one linnen d: one pair
of cotton cards, one large iron pot & two small d: one dutch
oven, one skillet, one iron pot rack, one pair of fire dogs, one
fire shovel, one pair of fire tongs, six chairs, & also one more
bed & furniture one glass hatchet, one reel, one pair of flat
irons, one washing tub, one pail & piggin, one candle stick
one spice mortar, one flesh fork, one ladle & one skimmer
one tea kettle, one looking glass, two coeding hoes, one mattock
& also one large new shawl to her during her widowhood, or
natural life, but if she should marry again, then the above
mentioned property, or what remains thereof, the first bed
furniture mentioned, & also her saddle accepted them I will
to her & her heirs forever, the rest of the above mentioned prop-
erty to be sold at public sale, & appropriated as shall here
after directed, & if my widow should never marry, she is to enjoy
the above mentioned property, during her natural life, &
at her decease the same, or what remains thereof is to be sold
as above mentioned, & the money arising from the sale there-
of is to be equally divided amongst my seven children namely
Ezekiel, Margaret, Polly, Phoebe, Malon, James & Betsey.
As the increase of the mare, & cow, above mentioned to my
wife if any there should be, at her marriage or death if she

mentioned & equally divided among my children as above mentioned.
4. I will unto my daughter Polly one bed & furniture & also
one cow, but the cow is to be valued by two free holders & the
price of the cow, to be considered as so much received in part
of her legacy at the division of the estate.
5. I will unto my daughter Phoebe one bed & furniture & one
cow, the cow to be valued as above mentioned, & her value to
be considered as so much, received in part of her legacy at the
distribution of shares amongst the legates.
6. I will unto my daughter Betsey, one bed & furniture, one
cow when she becomes of age, or when she shall marry, but the
cow is to be valued as above directed, & her price to be considered
as so much received in part of her legacy.
7. I will that all the rest of my personal estate, besides
that which had been already mentioned, be sold at public
sale after my decease, & the money arising from such sale
together with what money I have in hand & what is due to
me (if any there be) after my just debts are paid to be
equally divided amongst my seven children afore mentioned.
But what my daughter Margaret has received already
one bed & furniture accepted, she is to render an account of
to the executor, which is to be valued as before directed, & the
amount of such property, by her received, is to be taken by her
in part of her legacy.
8. I will that my wife remain & continue on the premises
& occupy my mansion house while she remains my widow
if she never marries, during her natural life, if she should
do so, but at her marriage again or at her death (if she

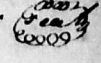
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then my land is to be divided equal in quality between my
three sons, namely Ezekiel, Malen & James, to them & their heirs
for ever. And if any of my sons or daughters dies, having no heirs
my will & desire is that at the one half of their legacy decent to
all their other brothers & sisters each an equal part.

9. I further will & desire that my two boys, Malen & James be
put to school as constant as possible they can, from my death
until the time to sixteen years of age & then to be put to some
trade, as they shall choose for themselves. And if convenient
with law for their masters, to give them at least six months
learning in Arithmetic, if they shall judge capable on entering.
That branch of learning, & that schooling to be given them about
19 or 20 years of age. And that my daughter Betty be sent
to school until she can read & write & tellable well, and to
the interest of their money be applied to pay their schooling
as far as it will go, and what will be still wanting to pay their
schooling, is to be made up by the other legates each their p
portional part, as it is to be observed, that my will & desire
is, that my executors shall put out the money to interest for
those of my children under age, while they continue to stand
executors & when they resign & settle with the court if any of
my children are still under age, that then their guardians be
carefull to keep their money out on interest until they be
of age.

And I do hereby ordain, constitute & appoint my trusty
friends, James Ellis & Ebenezer Jones my executors of
this my last will & test. I allowing & revoking & disan

all & every other wills & test: by me made either in writing or
in verbal manner, ratifying this & no other to be my last will
& test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
this 26th day of August 1806.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced:
in presence of
Thomas West, J^r Ellis.

Elijah Phelps ^{deputy} 

In the name of God Amen I John Billing son of
the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being very
rick & weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory thank
be given to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality
of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make & ordain this my last will & test: that is to
say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul in
to the hands of God who gave it & my body to the earth to
be buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of
my executors hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the
mighty power of God, & as touching such worldly estate
wherein it had pleased God to bless me in this life I
give, devise, & dispose of the same in following manner & for
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Juliana Billing the
house, wherein I now live, with the garden & with one acre
of ground lying between the garden & the barn & one third
part of all the fruit on the plantation where I now live
one bed & furniture one chest & all that is in it except
the money, one spinning wheel & the table, two rats &