

157 And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith
it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life,
I give bequeath and dispose of the same in the
following manner, that is to say first all my funeral
expences to be paid & Just debt if any should be,
And the residue of my real & personal Estate I give
& bequeath as follows, that my beloved wife Mary shall
have her maintenance during her natural life out
of the rent of my lands which said lands I will
I bequeath among & between my children as follows,
First I give to my son Benjamin Young his heirs & assigns
forever a lot of forty five acres to be laid off on the
North East end of the tract of land on which I
now live, to be his share in full of my Estate with what
I have given him heretofore, the next I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Rebecca Mabe & her husband George Mabe
their heirs & assigns forever forty five acres of land to
be run off on the west side of my tract of land on
which I now live to run from North to South from
out side to out side, which shall be their full share
of my Estate with what I have heretofore given to them,
Next I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Debba
Hooker and Mary Young the remainder of my tract of
land containing about about ninety acres including the
house wherein I now live, also all my house hold
& kitchen furniture plantation tools & all my stock
of horses & other stock of every description, to be equally
divided between them as they may think proper, &
after they die, I will that the said tract of land shall
belong to my ^{said} children & children their heirs & assigns
forever, Next I will & bequeath unto my Daughter
Cathy & her husband John Mabe fifty cents
as I have heretofore given her, Seventy five acres
of land together with a variety of other property a
full share of my Estate, and I further will & decree
that the said John Mabe my son in law shall pay
to my other children above named forty five Dollars
for forty five acres of land by him sold over &
above the seventy five acres above mentioned to be
equally divided among my said children Benjamin,
Rebecca, Debba and Mary,
Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my two daughters
Debba Hooker & Mary Young Executors of this my

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I herewith set my hand & seal to this my last will
& Testament the day & year first above mentioned
Signed Sealed & acknowledged by the Testator
William Young Gent as his last will Testament
in the presence of us
O. Banger
Martin ^{his} Tilly
mark
Polly ^{his} Young
mark

June Term 1844

The Execution of the last will & Testament of
Wm. Young Decd of which the foregoing is a true copy,
was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Charles Warner
& Polly ^{his} Young subscribing witnesses, there is no record to be
recorded.
M. & Hill. c. c.

In the name of God Amen I John Vawter of Stokes
County & State of North Carolina, Being far advanced
in Years and in a declining State of Health, But in
Sound mind and memory, thank be to God for the
same and calling to mind the mortality of my body,
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will
and Testament in manner and form following,
to wit, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Vawter during her natural life, all my land
and every description of property together with all
Bonds and Claims of every kind, provided however
that if at any time there should be any ~~any~~ surplus
stock or property of any kind it is my will the same
may and shall be sold, to the highest bidder in
nine months enait.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved son
James M Vawter fifty Dollars in Silver and a bed
and necessary furniture to make him equal with
my other children, to him and his heirs forever,
I give and bequeath to my two ~~sons~~ Daughters
to wit Mary & Fagg & Sarah Fagg one hundred &
fifty dollars each to them and their heirs forever

159 Lastly at the death of my wife Elizabeth Vawter it is my will that the estate of every description be equally divided among my children to wit James M Vawter, Eliza Seales & Elizabeth Lantry to them and their heirs forever, and lastly I hereby make and ordain my trusty friends Thomas M Seales & William A Mitchell my whole & sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Vawter have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 23rd day of May AD 1844 Signed Sealed and published and declared to be my last will & Testament in the presence of us
Solomon Hardy
R. Richardson
Michel & Powers
John Vawter

June Term 1844

The Execution of the last will & Testament of John Vawter dec'd (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open court by the oaths of Richard Richardson & Michael Powers subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

M. Hill. c.

160 I John V Blackburn of the County of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say -
First that my Executors herein after mentioned shall provide a suitable burial for my body agreeable to the direction of my beloved wife Margaret Blackburn and that all the funeral expenses be paid together with all my other just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing and that my executors sell if necessary my tract of land on Dan River on a credit of twelve months and all the tobacco that I may have on hand and the proceeds of the sales be applied to the payment of my just debts and the overplus if any be applied as I hereafter direct.
Secondly I bequeath to my wife my household tract of land and all my family Negroes consisting of six in number at this time. I bequeath to my wife & also all my household & kitchen furniture all of my stock of every description all of my grain of every kind all the provisions on hand all my plantation tools, my waggon & my carriage & harness and every thing else that I have not mentioned belonging to me or in any way due me to have and to hold the same during her natural life or widowhood also my undivided interest in my father's tract of land which my Brother Madison and myself bought on the Town lot in copartnership which is to be equally divided between Madison & myself at the death of our Step Mother & also a tract of thirty nine acres on Black Creek bought as the above & which has not yet been transferred to me yet by Madison Blackburn. All of which she is to have the privilege of holding and using during her natural life or widowhood in the support of herself & family provided that she sell not sell any of my land or Negroes for that purpose and should my land & Negroes make more than enough to support my wife & family the overplus shall be applied as I shall hereafter direct & provided further that my wife shall not use any part of my estate in any way whatever only as may seem meet to her in the support and maintenance of herself & family. Finally should any of my Negroes become so unruly that my wife cannot manage them she may sell them