

Bertie COUNTY NC Wills John Barnes

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Will-1783/1784-Bertie Co NC-Test Henry Barnes, John Sholar, James Sholar
Grandson, Right Barnes,

Wife Elizabeth, Son John, Solomon, Cader(Keder), Dau Edee Carter, Dau
Milly, Dau Sarah Jones, Elizabeth Sholar, Mary Dunning

In the name of God Amen I John Barnes, being very
sick but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given
unto God calling to mind the mortality of my body
and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die
do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament,
that is to say principally and first of all I give
and recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God
that gave it and my body I recommend to Earth to be
buried in a decent Christian burial at the
discretion of my 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 wherewith it hath pleased God to
bless me in this life I give, demise and dispose of
the same in the following manner and form-----

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth
Barnes one bed and furniture, one mare bridle and
saddle to her and her heirs forever.-

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
John Barnes the plantation whereon he now lives with
200 acres of land, on half of my turning tools, one
sow and pigs to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
Solomon Barnes my manner plantation whereon I now
live with two hundred acres of land, one feather bed
and furniture, one desk, one cow and calfs, three
other cattle, four sows and pigs, eight dry hogs,
ten head of sheep, one looking glass, one ...?...,
one horse, one grubbing hoe, two plow horses, one
third part of my ...?..., one drawing knife, one
chisel, one auger and my grindstone, one pair iron
...?..., one table, one stone mug and two punch
bowls to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
Cader Barnes one hundred ninety-four acres of land I
bought of Abraham Wimberly, on the east side of
Cashy Swamp, one horse colt, one bridle and saddle,
one feather bed and furniture, one case of bottles,
one chest, one cow and calf, two ewes and lambs, one
third part of my pewter, one gun, one axe, one hoe,
one frying pan and skillet, one half of my turning

tools, one drawing knife, one steel trap, one small jug to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Edee Carter, wife of William Carter, five shillings sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Milly Barnes one linen wheel and one half of gir..that belongs to the loom, one ewe and lamb to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Jones, wife of Jesse Jones, five shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Sholar, wife of Benjamin Sholar, one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Dunning, wife of Shadrack Dunning one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Right Barnes, one ewe and lamb to him and his heirs forever.

Also I give unto my three sons, John Barnes, Solomon Barnes and Cader Barnes after my wife's death or marriage all that part of my estate which I lent her and what I have not willed away to be equally divided between my three sons, John Barnes, Solomon Barnes and Cader Barnes, likewise I constitute and appoint my son Solomon Barnes and Benjamin Sholar to be my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby utterly revoke and disannul all other wills ratifying this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced and Declared by the said John Barnes as his last Will and Testament in presence of...

Henry Barnes John Barnes
John Sholar HIS MARK
James Sholar

Bertie Co, North Carolina February Term 1784

The last Will and Testament of John Barnes Dec'd was proved in open court in due form of Law by the oaths of Henry Barnes and John Sholar, two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded. Stevens Gray, Clerk.

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