

Bertie COUNTY NC Wills John Barnes, Sr.

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In the name of God Amen, August 13, 1773, I John Barnes, Sr. of Bertie County being weak in body but of perfect and sound mind and memory thanks be given to God for it. Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it appointed to all persons to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian like manner at the designation of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection to receive the same by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form viz;

I give and bequeath unto Katherine my beloved wife, her third part of my plantation and her choice of one of the houses, also my cattle and ewes and lambs, our pots and pans, one horse, my young riding horse, bridle and saddle, two dishes, two basons and three plates, one dozen spoons, half my hogs, one bed and furniture, one chest, three chairs, one table to her, her heirs and assigns forever and her heirs. I give and bequeath to my eldest son, John Barnes, my new coat jacket and britches and my turning tools, one cockit? saw to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to Henry my youngest son all my land and plantation excepting the third part of his mother for her lifetime and one hundred laid out at the head of the mill branch for Isaac Jenkins. I give him likewise one bed and furniture, my great pott, one hand mill and all my cider cooks, four basons and two dishes, two cow and calves to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Haze, one feather bed and furniture to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my grandson, Isaac Jenkins one hundred acres of land joining the mill branch, two cows and pigs, one ewe and lamb to him, his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my children, John, Sarah, Lucy, Solomon, Zilpha, Hannah and Henry to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

I likewise constitute and appoint my two sons, John and Henry Barnes to be my sole Executors of my last will and testament and i do hereby utterly revoke and disanull all and every former wills and instruments by me in any wise made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

Will-Test- James cobb, Herbert Pritchard, Jr. Exrs;
Sons, John, Henry. Berie Co.,NC

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