

BERTIE COUNTY ORIGINAL WILLS, 1746-1897, CR.010.801.5 FREEMAN, JOHN, 1782 (WIFE: SARAH) File contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Margaret G. Driskill MDriskill@worldnet.att.net In the Name of God, Amen. I John Freeman of Bertie County in the State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same, And Considering the uncertainty of this Mortal life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. That is to say, First I Will that all my Debts and funeral charges be paid & Discharged. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Wife, Sarah Freeman all land, Negroes, Household furniture and all things of every kind that she was posses'd with of the Estates of her former Husbands, Henry Winborne & Isme Raicoe at the time of our Marriage To her heirs and assigns forever, free & clear from my heirs Execution & administrators for her own proper use benefit & Behoof. Thirdly, As I have heretofore given a Negroe man Slave to James Baker, now husband to my Daughter Elizabeth I do intend that Negroe man for my daughter to be an Equivalent to, for & with the lands given or to be given to their Sons. Fourthly, I give and Devise to my Son Solomon Freeman the plantation whereon he now lives, I say to hold to him his heirs and assigns Forever together with the Grist mill standing thereon & all other appurtenances thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever. Fifthly, I give and Devise unto my Son Elisha Freeman my Plantation which I purchased of Paul Bunch Containing by Estimation Six hundred Forty Acres to hold to him his heirs & assigns forever. Sixthly, I give & bequeath unto my Son John Freeman an Equal part of that I have left hereafter to be divided having already provided for him. Seventhly, I give & Devise unto my Son Moses Freeman my Plantation purchased of James Freeman & Jacob Parker to hold to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Eighthly, I give & devise unto my Son Aaron Freeman my mannor plantation whereon I now live and my lands which lies Southerly thereof and thereto adjoining & my Saw Mill with all the Saws and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to hold to him, his heirs, assigns Forever. John Freeman Ninethly, all the rest and Residue of my Estate Both real and Personal Including my Clock which I deem part of the Residence I leave to be Equally divided amongst the following Children, Elizabeth, Solomon, Elisha, Moses, John, and Aaron. Only Elisha having Received formerly a negroe, therefore does not draw a Share of negroes but of all other parts. Tenthly and lastly, I nominate Constitute, appoint and Ordain my Friend, Stanley Sharpe, James Watson, & my Son Solomon Freeman my Whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Hereby revoking and disannulling all Former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand Seal this Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Two. Signed Sealed Published & declared by the above John Freeman to be his John Freeman Seal last Will & Testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses in this Presence of the Testator. Who has signed both pages. Dav. Vallintine Penelope Flatwood H. Campbell ===== USGENWEB NOTICE: In keeping with our policy of providing free information on the Internet, data may be freely used by non-commercial entities, as long as this message remains on all copied material. These electronic pages cannot be reproduced in any format for profit or other presentatio