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Last Will and Testament of Thomas Baker

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Baker of the State of North Carolina and the County of Bertie being Sick and Weak in Body but of Perfect mind and Memory thanks be given to Almighty God therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die Make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament, that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth be Buried in decent Christian Burial and 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 and despose [sic] of the same in the following manner and form:

First, I give unto my Daughter Mary Oxley one Negro Girl named Rachel to her, her heirs and Assigns forever.

Secondly I give unto my Daughter Sarah Sowel Fifty Pounds to be Raised and Levied out of my Estate to her, her heirs and forever.

Thirdly I give unto my son Levy Baker one Feather Bed and Sheet to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Fourthly I give unto my Grand-son Levy Baker, Son of John Baker Deceased, Fifty Pounds to be Raised and Levied out of my Estate to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Fifthly I give unto my Grand-son George Baker, Son of John Baker Deceased, Fifty Pounds to be Raised and Levied out of my Estate to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Sixthly, I give unto my Grand Children the sons and Daughters of James Baker Deceased to wit William Baker, Jonathan Baker, Sarah Baker, and John Baker Twenty Pounds to be Raised and Levied out of my Estate and Equally Divided amongst the said four Children above mentioned to them, their heirs and Assigns forever.

Seventhly I give unto my Grand-Son John Freeman Baker, Son of Blake Baker, one Negro Named Arthur to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Eighthly I give unto my Grand Daughter Selah Baker, Daughter of Blake Baker, one Negro Boy Named Allen to her, her heirs and Assigns forever. Eighthly I give unto Blake Baker one Negro Man named Sampson to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Ninthly my Will and desire is that the Remainder part of my Estate not heretofore mentioned may be Sold at publick [sic] [can't read] due to the highest Bidder for Twelve Months Credit the purchasers giving Bond and approved of Security and all the Money Arising from or by sold property over paying my debts and Settelling [sic] those gifts above Mentioned in Money I give unto my son Blake Baker to him, his heirs and Assigns forever.

Tenthly and lastly I appoint and Ordain William Cherry, William Morris and my son Blake Baker Executors of this my last will and Testament Utterly Revoking, Disannuling [sic] and making Void all Other Former will or Wills by me made In Witness Whereof I the said Thomas Baker have hereunto Set my hand and seal this Fifth Day of December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-five.

Signed Sealed, Published Pronounced and Delivered in the presence of Thomas (his X mark) Baker (seal) X James Barradaell Elizabeth (her X mark) Lucas Sarah (her X mark) Barradaell State of No Carolina Bertie County November Term 1798 The last will and testament of Thomas Baker was proved in open court by the oaths of James Barradaell and Elizabeth Lucas two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.