

*Bertie Co, NC May Term 1794*

*In the Name of God Amen: I Abner Eason of the State of North Carolina and County of Bertie being of Sound and disposing mind and memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same but calling to mind human frailty and that it is appointed for all men to die do constitute make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. In maner and form following to wit:*

*Item. I leave the use of one third part of my land and plantation I now live on to my Beloved Wife Rachel Eason During her widowhood or natural life but at her marriage or death I give the said land to my son George Eason. I also leave my said Wife the use of three negros during her natural life namley Capt Dinar & Hastey and my sorrell Meir side saddl & Gridle one feather bed and furniture but at her death I leave the said negro men with their Inereye and the other goods & chatter to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be Equally Divided to and amongst my children namley Abner Eason Joseph Eason George Eason Absillah Rhoads & Sarah Perry and their heirs forever.*

*Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Abner Eason two negros namley Will and Cate they and their Increase I say unto him and his heirs forever.*

*Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Eason one half of my Land Lying in conereticy(?) firocosan(?) adjuoining James Wood, line I say unto him and his heirs forever I allso give unto my G.son Joseph Eason two negros namley Daviey bought of Sleight and mol ?? and their Increase I say unto him and his heirs forever.*

*Item. I give and bequeath unto my son George Eason the plantation where on I now live with all the Land thereunto adjoining I say unto him and his heirs forever I allso give unto my said son George Eason my water griss mill and saw mill with all the utensells thereunto belonging I say unto him and heirs forever I allso give unto my son George Eason one half of my land ying in coneritirs procoson I say unto him and his heirs forever I allso give unto my son George Eason two negroes namely Ned and Davey with one feather bed and furniture and my blacksmith ?? say unto him and his heirs forever.*

*Item. I give unto my Daughter Absillah Rhoads two negros namley Hagar and Miles they and their Increase I say unto her and her heirs forever.*

*Item. I give unto my Daughter Sarah Perry two negros namley Priss and Abram they and their Increase unto her and heirs forever.*

*Item. I give unto my Grandson Jethro Lassiter two negros namley Philles & Edey they and their Increase unto him and his heirs forever.*

*Item. I give unto my grandson Robert Lassiter one negro boy named Isom unto him and his heirs forever. I give unto my two Grandaughters, Rachel Garrett and Sarah Eason, Daughters of Jacob Eason, Decd., five shilling, Each. The Reason I give them no more I have allreadey given their parts.*

*Item. I leave my stock of cattle hogs and sheap to be equally Divided between my wife Rachel Eason and my son George Eason the one half to my wife During her widowhood or natural Life and there to be Divided amongst my Children namley Abner Eason, Joseph Eason, George Eason, Absillah Rhoads & Sarah Perry and my Grandson Jethro Lassiter to them and their heirs forever, the other half to my son George Eason and his heirs forever.*

*Item. My will and desire is that my Executor hereafter named sel at there non discersson as many of the negros not given away in Legacies as will pay my Just Debts after my decease.*

*Item. All the Residue of my Estate not given away in Legises after my Just debts being paid be at of what natureeakn(?) dower I Leave to be Equally Divided between my beloved wife Rachel Eason and my Chidlren namley Abner Eason, Joseph Eason, George Eason, Absillah Rhoads, Sarah Perry and my Granson Jethro Lassiter, share and share alike my wife having a childe part her part after her death to be Divided amoungst the Children above sd the other parts to them and their heirs forever.*

*Lastly I nomonate constitute and appoint my two sons Abner Eason and Joseph Eason my whole and sade Executors to this my last Will and Testament to be the same duly compled with and I do hereby Revoke and Dysmiss all other former Wills by me made Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. It Witness, whereas of I have here unto Set my hand and afixed my seal this seventh day of November One thousand seven hundred and ninety two; Signed sealed published pronounced and Declared by the said Abner Eason as his Last Will and Testamant.*

*In Presense of us: William Cherry, Thomas Bond, Ezekiel Thomas.*

*State of North Carolina, Bertie County, May Term 1794. The Last Will & Testament of Abner Eason, Decd. was proved in Due form of Law by the Oath of Thomas Bond & Ezekiel Thomas, two of the subscribing Witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded. Steven Gray, Cl.*

