

Will of Jesse Bazemore, Sr. Proved Feb 1809

In the name of God Amen I Jesse Bazemore of Bertie County and state of NC at this time of sound and disposing mind do make and declare my last will & testament to be as follows

To wit: In the first place I desire my body to be buried in a decent and christian like manner as my executors shall direct and as my estate I dispose of it in the following manner

I give to my wife Frances Bazemore two negroes named Samson and Chloe, my sorrel mare, the first choice of a bed & furniture and fifty dollars in money. The said money? & mare to her the said Frances Bazemore during her natural life.

I give to my son Jesse Bazemore and his forever one tract of land bought of my father adjoining the land of David

Horn? Stone? And one other tract my -?---- adjoining John Clarks land and two negroes Arthur and Feribee? Which he has now in possession and the child that feribee now has and all others that she may have.

I give to my son Turner Bazemore and his forever the tract of land on which I live adjoining David Horne? Stone?

Land in ---?---- Island one other tract bought of Henry Milburn lying on -?--- swamp and one other tract in ---?---

Islands bought of Solomon Cherry and adjoining the land of David Horne? Two negroes Jacob and Sarah and all the children Sarah may have my sorell horse five cows & calves and his next choice of a bed & furniture after that made by my wife.

I give to my sons Jesse and Turner and their heirs forever my -?--- swamp kabd -?--- of than? Bakers? estate? And for which I have a deed from William Cherry and John Baker.

I give to my daughter Zilpha one negroe girl -?--- which she now has in her possession and all the children which the said girl has or may have.

I give to my daughter Mary one negro girl -?--- which she now has in her possession all the children which the said girl has or may have.

I give to my daughter Sussannah one negro girl name sylvia which she has in her possession with all the children the said girl has or may have.

I give to my grandchildren Patsy Griffin, Nancy Griffin, and David Griffin children of my daughter Ester and my granddaughter Penny? The child of my daughter Fanny? five pounds apiece.

I give to my daughter Fanny one negro girl Amy with all the children the said girl has or may have.

I give to my daughter Dicy Thomas and her husband Zadoc Thomas during their and the life of the survivors of them one tract of land lying on the Cahshie swamp adjoining Solomon Cherry's land and after their deaths I give the said land the the children of my said Dicey. I also give to my said daughter Dicey one negro girl Phyllis now in her possession with all the children that the said Phyllis has or may have.

It is my desire that after my death all my property not particulary given away should be sold and my debts collected and to much as remains after paying what I owe and the many legacies before name should be equally divided among my children Jesse, Turner, Zilpha, Mary, Susannah, Fanny & Dicey.

It is further my desire that my wife should live with my son Turner upon the place where I now live and dthat he should take care of her & manage her property for her but in case

of any disagreement between them that my executor should appoint persons to lay off one half of the land whereon I now live with as much of the -?--- as may be thought convenient for her for the use of my wife during her life and after the death of my wife my desire is that all the property I have given her besides the land last mentioned should be sold and the money equally divided between my said children Jesse, Turner, Zelpha, Mary, Susannah, Fanny & Dicey.

My desire further is that in case my son Turner should die without having any child living at his death and without selling or disposing of the land on which I live that the said land should go to my son Jesse and his heirs

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Thomas Cherry and my sons Jesse & Turner executors of this my last will & testament and hereby revoke any and all former wills by me made.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Jesse Bazemore to be his last will & testament this seventeenth? Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred.

David Horn

Phillip Stallings

I Jesse Bazemore of Bertie County do hereby make and declare this as a codicil to my will bearing the date the fourteenth day of June the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred that is to say I now make & appoint my friend Moses Gilliam to act as an executor to the said will in the place and stead of Solomon Cherry is named in the said will.

In testimony whereof I have here unto put my hand & seal this twenty third day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred eight.

David Horn

John Montgomery