

In the name of God Amen. I Jesse Bazmore of Bertie County and state of North Carolina at this time of sound and disposing mind do make and declare my last will and testament to be as follow

To Wit in the first place I desire my body to be burryed in a decent & Christian manner as my executors shall think proper--and as to my estate I dispose of it in the following manner

I give to my wife Penelopy Bazmore one third part of all my lands during her natural life & a third part of all the rest of my property during her natural life

I give to my sons John Bazmore Hardy Bazmore Thomas Bazmore William Bazmore Reddin Bazmore all my land with that part that I have given to my wife after her death to be equally divided between all of them. It is my will & desire that all my property that is not already given away shall be equally divided among my children as follows

Jonh Bazmore Hardy Bazmore Thomas Bazmore William Bazmore Reddin Bazmore, Elizabeth Bazmore to them there assines for ever--

It is further my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate out of my wifes part as well as the chilfrens before there is any division

It is my will and desire that all my sons shall be brought up to labor at the discretion of my executors

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Moses Gillam and Turner Bazmore executors of this my last will and testament and hearby revoke any and all former wils by me made signed sealed published and declared by the said --Jesse Bazmore to be his last will & testament this six day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seven.

(signed) Jesse Bazmore Jun

David Combes X

Jesse Bazmore Sr

Abisha Bazmore X

Since writing the above it is my will and desire that the track of land that I bought of Solomon (Skalder...could be Holder) lying above Capt. I. (or T. or J.) Eosoms mill on cashie should be sold at publick sail by my above mentioned executors & equally divided among all my children names as follows John Bazmore Hardy Bazmore Thoomas Bazmore, William Bazmore Reddin Bazmore, Elizabeth Bazmore and bequethe to them & there heirs & asigns for ever

Sealed & signed in preasance of

March 14, 1807

David Combes

Jesse Bazmore

State of North Carolina

August term 1807

Bertie County Court

This last will & testament of Jesse Bazmore Junior dec'd was proved in open court by the oaths of David Combes & Absha Bazmore two of the subscribing wittnesses thereto--and the (codisils?) ammended was proved by the oath of David Combs subscribing (?) ordered to be recorded--

Jos Blount