Edgecombe County

December ye first 1781 the last will and testament of **MOSES BAKER** testfieth that he, being but weak in body but perfect mind and memory doth make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, viz.

FIRST I do recommend my and give my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to be the earth to be interred with decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be named and as for what earthly goods it hath pleased god to bless me withal I do will and bequeath in manner as followeth.

IMPRIMIS I do will and bequeath to my oldest son **MICHAL** [MICHAEL] BAKER's oldest son **MOSES** BAKER [grandson] in stead of his father five shillings in money.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my son **MOSES BAKER** I do will and bequeath five shillings.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my son **AARON BAKER**'s daughter **ELIZABETH BAKER** [granddaughter] five shillings in money in stead of her father.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my son **THOMAS BAKER** I do will and bequeath five shillings.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my son JOSHUA BAKER five shillings.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my daughter **ANN** [**BAKER VICKERS**] wife of **RALPH VICKERS** five shillings.

ITEM I to my daughter **MARY** [**BAKER STINSON**] widow to **MICAJAH STINSON** I do will and give and bequeath five shillings.

The reason I leave no more to these, my children, is because I have already given them their fill proportion of my estate.

ITEM I do will and bequeath to my son **JESSE BAKER** who also I do make and ordain to be my true sole and lawful executor to see that this my last will and testament well and truly executed according to law to him my said son, I do give all of the land I am now possessed of to him and his heirs forever and all my personal estate of what kind so ever, except it be my whip saw and scythe which I have given one half of the use of them to **JOSHUA BAKER** and ye other to him, ye said **JESSE**.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced to be the last will an testament of.

MOSES BAKER {seal}

Before in presence of

WILLIAM BRAND {L} CHRISTIAN BRAND {her + mark} BENJAMIN BRAND {+}

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