

Will, NC, Lincoln, John Baird, 1807

Be it known to all whom it may concern that I, **JOHN BAIRD Sr.**, of the state of North Carolina and county of Lincoln, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, though in a weakly state of body, do make, ordain, constitute and appoint this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament and do hereby dispose of my estate, both real and personal, in the following manner.

1st I give and bequeath to my daughter **FANNY [BAIRD]**, wife of **JOHN BERRY**, one negro child named DEBORAH.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN [BAIRD]** the furniture of my bed consisting of one sheet, blanket, counter pin, cover lid.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son **SAMUEL [BAIRD]** five dollars.

4th I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM [BAIRD]** five dollars.

5th I give and bequeath to my son **JAMES [BAIRD]** all the plantation tools and farming utensils now on the premises and my smooth rifle gun.

6th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter **ELIZA [BAIRD]** (daughter of my son **ADAM [BAIRD]**, deceased) ten dollars to be paid her when she arrives to eighteen years of age and if she should not live to that age, let it fall into the surplus part of my estate.

The Plantation I now live on, containing 220 acres, I give and bequeath to my sons **WILLIAM [BAIRD]** and **JAMES [BAIRD]** to them, their heirs and assigns forever, to each one his share agreeable to the division line already run between them.

My wearing apparel I allow to be divided between my four sons.

My Negro woman **JEAN** I liberate free from the claim or demand of any person. I bequeath her one cow, her bed and furniture, one spinning wheel and one small pot with part of the dresser.

The remainder of my estate not herein conveyed or particularly specified (except a maintenance for ye family the present season) I allow to be sold and such credit as my executors may think proper, and after all just dues are paid to be equally divided between my four sons still tolerating my sons if they can can agree to divide the two Negros, otherwise than by selling they may.

And I do appoint my sons **JOHN**, **WILLIAM** and **JAMES** and **JOHN BERRY** executors of this my last will and testament.

I do hereby revoke and disanull all former wills and testaments and declare this and this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26th day of October 1807.

JOHN BAIRD {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of:

JOHN WILSON, Jurat

ELIZABETH GRISSOM {her x mark}

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