

Will, NC, Mecklenburg, George Baker 1814

In the name of God, Amen.

I **GEORGE BAKER SR.** of the county of Mecklenburg and state of North Carolina, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner & form following, to wit:

First - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife **RACHEL BAKER** the free and full use and benefit of the plantation whereon I now live with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging during her life and widowhood, and it is also my will & pleasure that my beloved wife **RACHEL** have, hold and freely enjoy all my personal estate. Viz: My Negroes, horses cattle, hogs and sheep, also all my farming utensils, household & kitchen furniture, and all & every other pieces of property to me in any wise belonging to be held for the spirit & express purpose of maintaining, clothing & schooling my children that are now minors, and also for the payment of all my just debts and the under named bequeathments.

ITEM. It is my will and pleasure that my wife's mother be allowed to live with my family & her ... maintenance out of my estate during her natural life or while she remains in the family.

ITEM. I will & bequeath unto my daughter **REBECCA MITCHELL**, wife to **JOHN MITCHELL** & to my sons **JONATHAN**, **AARON** & **MICHAEL BAKER** the sum of One Dollar each of them in addition to what they received when they married and left me in in full of their share of my estate.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son **ABEL BAKER** all that tract or parcel of land containing about eighty one acres know by the name of the Cobourn tract to him & his heirs forever.

ITEM. I will & bequeath to my son **JACOB BAKER** all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live freely to be possessed at the death or intermarriage of my wife Rachel Baker to him & his heirs forever.

ITEM. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife **RACHEL BACKER** and my children, viz: **GEORGE BAKER**, **ABEL BAKER**, **JACOB BAKER**, **RACHEL BAKER**, **HANNAH BAKER** & **ELIZABETH BAKER** all the residue and remainder of my estate after paying my just debts and the legatees above named and raising and supporting my family to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike by my executors here after named, it is also my will and pleasure that my executors lay off and apportion to each legatee as they severally arrive to full age or marry their share of my estate. And in case that either of the last named legatee should die before they arrive at full age or have lawful heirs of their body then and in that case their share or shares shall be equally divided amongst the survivors.

It is my will and pleasure that my executors if they should think it most to the advantage of my family may expose to sale such part of my movable estate as can be XXX without injury to their comfort and convenience and the residue to be appraised by three judicious freeholders and an inventory of the which returned to court.

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Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my well beloved wife **RACHEL BAKER** executrix and trusty friends executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and declaring void all former wills, testaments and bequests by me made or done, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ... day of ... Anno Domini 1814.

GEORGE BAKER {seal}

Signed, sealed published }
& declared in the presence of }

J. HAYNES
JOHN BIGHAM