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In the name of God, Amen.

I, NATHAN BAKER, of the county of Rutherford, state of Tennessee, being in low state of health but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of the body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following, that is, I give my soul to the Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my family.

And as to the worldly goods wherewith it hath please God in his providence to bless me, I give and dispose of as follows:

I will, give & bequeath and convey to my beloved wife, **ELIZABETH BAKER**, all of my real and chattel estate of what nature soever, to her and her heirs and assigns forever, for the following reasons:

1st considering it all little enough to support her old age, and to raise and keep our family of children together.

2nd Because I have full confidence in her, that in case she has anything to share, she will dispose of it amongst our children as justly as I might or could do.

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, **ELIZABETH BAKER**, my whole and sole executrix to this my last will and testament, and I also will that the court do not require security of her.

In testimony whereof I, NATHAN BAKER, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10^{th} day of September 1824.

NATHAN BAKER {seal, his X mark}

Signed in presence of:

THEOPHILUS A. CANNON JAMES SHARP ROBERT MARTIN State of Tennessee Rutherford County Court

October Term 1824

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament of NATHAN BAKER, the above term, was duly proven in open court by the oath of THEOPHILUS A. CANNON and JAMES SHARP, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

November 5th, 1824 **JOHN R. LAUGHLIN**, Clerk

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