

Will, NC, Orange, Joseph Barnett, 1771

In the name of God Amen.

The 18th day of April 1771.

I, **JOSEPH BARNETT**, of the County of Orange, being very sick and weak and body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and disposed of the same in the following manner and form and:

First I give and bequeath to **RACHEL [MCDANIEL] BARNETT**, my dearly beloved wife, 200 acres of land, which I live on, for her lifetime, and also all my household goods, debts and movably to raise and maintain the children until such time as they shall come of age & c.

Also I give to my well beloved son **SAMUEL BARNETT**, whom I also constitute, make, an ordain to him two hundred acres of land lying and being on HICO, now inhabited by **HUMPHREY BARNETT** to gather with his mare and saddle & c.

And also I give my well beloved daughter **MARY SARAH BARNETT** whom I likewise constitute and give the sum of £10 of Virginia money to each of them & c.

And if the child that my wife is with child be a daughter, and should live, it shall be also raised with the rest and get £10 equal to my other daughter, which money shall be levied and raised of the estate & c. But if it be a son, he shall have 200 acres of land at his mother's decease, lying on JONES Creek, that I now live on, together with a horse and saddle equal to **SAMUEL**. But if a daughter than said land shall be sold in equally divided with the rest of my children & c.

I do therefore disannul all and every other will and disown and acknowledge and this be my last will and testament.

JOSEPH BARNETT {seal}

Signed, Sealed, pronounced and a tested in the presence of us

JOHN BARNETT
WILLIAM MILLS [MILES]
THOMAS BARNETT

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Orange County

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The execution of the within will was duly proved in open court by the oath of **JOHN BARNETT** and ordered to be recorded.

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