In The Name of God Amen I Samuel Baker of Rowan County in the Province of North Carolina Being Thro' ye Abundant Mercy and Goodness of God, tho' Weak in Body, yet of a Sound and Perfect understanding and Memory, Do Constitute this my last will and Testament, & Desire it may be received by all as Such:

Imprimis, I most humbly bequeath my Soul to god, my Maker, beseeching his Most Gracious Acceptance of it; through ye all-Sufficient Merits and Mediation of my most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an atonement for my Sins, and is able to Save to ye uttermost, all that Come unto God by him, Seeing he lives Ever to Make Intercession for y^m, and who, I trust, will not reject me a returning Penitent Sinner, when I Come to him for Mercy; in this hope & Confidence I Send up my Soul with Comfort, humbly Beseeching ye my Blessed & Glorious Trinity, one God Most holy, most Merciful to prepare me for my Dissolution, & then to take me to himself into ye Peace & Rest, and Incomparable Felicity, which he has prepared for all y^t love & fear his holy Name. Amen, blessed be god.

Imprimis, I Give my Body to ye Earth, from whence it was Taken, in full assurance of its Resurrection from thence at ye last Day: As for my Burial, I Desire it may be Decent, at ye Direction of my Dear Wife and Executrix ~~[illegible]~~ who I Doubt not, will Manage it with all requisite Prudence. As to my worldly Estate, I will Positively order that all my Lawfull Debts be paid. and for that Pd. I order my Negro Wench Called Dina to Discharge ye Same.

Item I Leave & Bequeath to my Son John Baker & their heirs ~~[illegible]~~ Plantation on which I now Live Containing Six Hundred and Forty acres be ye same More or less to be Equally Divided between them Viz^t. Begining at ye Lower End of S^d Tract at Benjamin Winslow's late Survey; from thence Running to ye Manor Line So y^t ye S^d Tract May be Equally Divided Between them. And after such Division I order & allow y^t my ~~Loving Wife Eliza Baker~~ Son John Baker aforesd may have ye end or half of ye Plantation on which ye Improvements now are. And also I order & Bequeath that my Loving Wife Eliza Baker May have ye Benefit & Profit of my S^d Son Jno half with ye Improvements till ye S^d Jno Comes to age according to Law. Item I Bequeath To my Son Robt aforesd all my Personal apparell.

Item. I Leave & Bequeath to My S^d Loving Wife During her Life time, one Negro Child Called Aggy. and at her Death is to be Equally Divided amongst ye Surviving Heirs of her Body.

Item. I Bequeath and order ye Plantation which I lived in ye Mennor Land (that is to Say if there Should be a Deed obtained from ye Proprietor for ye Same) To be Sold. and Equally Divided Between My foresd Wife & Two Daughters Viz^t Mary & Margret Baker (but is it they should Lie Close to Distrain [illegible]

Item I Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Baker aforesd one Yearling Sorrel Filly.

Item I Bequeath to my Daughter Margt Baker aforesd one Two Year old Bay Filly.

Item I Bequeath & order that all my Smith Tools & Implements belonging to ye Same to be Sold & ye price Equally to be Divided Between ye aforesd Robt & Jno Baker.

Item after ye above S^d I Bequeath to my Aforesd Loving Wife and her heirs one Third of all Bills, Bonds, & Book Debts. And ye other Remaining Part of my Personal Estate wherever ye Same is, or in whosoever hands ye Same may be found. & after S^d Third part So Reduced ye Remaining Two Thirds to be Equally Divided Between my aforesd Four Children Viz^t Robt Jno Mary & Margret Baker. Remembering always y^t my Purpose & Intent is y^t ye Remaining Two Thirds aforesd May Continue in ye hands of my Said Wife till Said Children Comes of age; and at Each of their Coming to age to Receive only their Equal Dividend. as I am now possessed of at my Death But in Case that Them or any of ye above S^d Children Should Decease before the Comes of age his or their part is to be Equally Divided amongst ye Surviving heirs and Lastly

I Make Constitute and ordain my S^d Wife Eliza Baker sole ~~[illegible]~~ Executrix of this my last will & Testament In trust for ye Intent and Purpose in ye my will Contained, And I make my Loving Friend Hugh Lewson ~~[illegible]~~ overseer of ye my Will to Take Care and see ye Same Performed according to my True Intent & Meaning. In Witness Whereof I the S^d Samuel Baker have to this my last Will and Testament Set my Hand and Seal the Twenty fourth Day of December In ye Year 1757

N.B. ye words (their heirs) were interlined between ye fourteenth & fifteenth Lines before Signing & Sealing)

Signed Sealed & Delivered by ye Said Saml Baker as and for his Last Will & Testament, in Presence of us, who were present at ye Signing & Sealing thereof

Moses White
Andrew McConnell
George Davison Junr

Samuel Baker