

John Bumgarner's Will

For the name of God, Amen, I John Bumgarner of the County of Lincoln and the state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and perfect memory but being old and calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, ordain, and establish this to be my last will and testament, hereby annulling and revoking all former wills by me made.

First I recommend my soul to God, who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried, in a decent christian manner at the discrecion of my wife and executors and such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath and dispose of in manner and form following.....

Second Seg. that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my estate by my executors. Third Seg. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Bumgarner to have all the household and kitchen furniture, side saddle, and 2 horse creatures, and 4 cows of her choice of all my stock, 1 beef, 2 breeding sows, 4 sheep all her choice and flour and corn and pork sufficient for one years provision for the family, 2 axes, 1 mattock, 2 ploughs, 2 hoes, this I will give unto her to dispose of at her decease the land and plantation where I now live, during her natural life except that occupied by my son Andrew Bumgarner, southeast of Fed Earwoods branch, the wagons and hinds gears and wind mill and crop cut and hand saw, all of which at her decease to go to my son, Andrew Bumgarner..I give unto her 1 negroe woman by the name of Susanna during her natural life then to go to my daughter Michel Bumgarner I give unto her 2 more negroes, one woman by the name of Syrrena and 1 girl by the name of Leloh, to dispose of at her decease. I give unto her one negroe boy by the name of Charles during her natural life, then to go to my son Moses Bumgarner.

I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son John Bumgarner, deceased. John, Charles, Moses, Phillip, Thomas and daughters, Nancy, Elizabeth, Temperance, each of them the sum of 5 shillings to be paid by my executors as they respectfully become of age. I give and bequeath to my son, Moses Bumgarner, one malatto boy, a slave by the name of George and after my wife decease on a boy by the name of Charles. I give and bequeath unto my son, Thomas Bumgarner, one negroe girl by the name of Becky.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Crisel, wife of Andrew Crisel, one negroe woman by the name of Suke.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Aron Bumgarner, one negroe boy by the name of Sevy.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Absomum Bumgarner, one negroe girl by the name of Rose.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Melcher Bumgarner, one negroe boy by the name of Jerry.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy Taylor, wife of Isaac Taylor, one negroe girl by the name of Minte.

I give and bequeath unto my son, Andrew Bumgarner, all the land he occupes or chooses to occupy where he now lives beyond the meadow on the said branch from my house on the southeast of what is called Fed Earwood branch leaving the meadow on the said branch to that part occupied by my wife and on the decease of my wife my said son, Andrew Bumgarner, is to have the plantation where I now live and the wagon and gears and wind mill and crop cut and hand saw, the whole to him and from him to his heirs for ever. I also will and bequeath unto him, one negroe boy by the name of Eli during his natural life then to descend to his heirs and also one negroe girl by the name of Juney.

I will and bequeath unto my daughter, Michel Bumgarner, one sorrel mare her side saddle and one negroe girl by the name of Vina and 40 acres of land joining William Bandy's and Rocketts Lines to her heirs and assigns for ever. I also will, Michal Bumgarner, 2 cows and the clock.

It is my will that if any of the negroes herein disposed of should increase before this will takes effect that such increase goes to the persons to whom the negroe is willed.

I also will and bequeath unto Elizabeth Crisel, Wife of Andrew Crisel, ca negroe girl by the name of Nelley by their pay one hundred dollars for thè said negroes.

After my decease I allow a sale to be made of all my property of every description of which I may be possessed of that is not herein willed or disposed of paying my funeral expenses and all just debts and the legacies herein given then the residue and remainder is to be formally divided between and among all my children.

I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my county friend Gilbert Milligin, to be my executor, of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, and published by John Bumgarner as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing of thereof this 5th day of October, 1819.

signed- John D. Abernathy

John's mark _____

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State of North Carolina
Lincoln County

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