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Joseph Carters
Will

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In the name of God, Amen. Joseph
Barter of Russell County and State of Virginia, being
in perfect health, but calling to mind the mortality
of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die, do make this my last Will and
Testament in manner following, that is to say—
principally & first of all I give and recommend
my soul to God that gave it and my body to the
earth to be buried in a christian like ~~reasonable~~
decent burial. — And as touching such worldly
goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me
in this life, I give and dispose of the same in
manner and form following; that is to say—

First, I will and bequeath all my estate both
real and personal to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth
Barter, during her natural life, and at her death
I give and bequeath the plantation whercon I now
live to my two sons Presley & Thomas to be equally
divided between them agreeable to quantity and quality
each to have an equal share in the Spring and
timber on the land lands and Presley to have
that part of the land that he now lives on, and
Thomas to have that part of the land ^{which} I now live on

To my daughter Elizabeth Barter I will & bequeath
the bed which she claims and all its furniture

To my son Thomas Barter I give and bequeath
one bed & furniture, and I give the slaves which
shall be in my estate at the time of my death to
such of my children as shall be willing to retain
them in slavery to be equally divided between
them. And all the remainder of my estate I leave
to be equally divided between all my children to


wit - Anna, (Mima), Elijah, Betsey, Jidy Presley and Thomas; and any thing that I have given or shall give to my children during my lifetime is not to be brought into division after my death.

It is also my will and desire that my children shall divide my estate agreeable to my will without administration or appraisement.

And lastly, I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every former wills wills or testaments by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this nineteenth day of February 1808.

Signed sealed and delivered declared by the said Joseph Carter as his last will & testament, in presence of us

Joseph Carter 

Joseph Blakemore

Charles Carter

Virginia

At a Court held for Russell County the 1st day of August 1809

This Instrument of writing was exhibited in Court as and for the last Will and Testament of Joseph Carter deceased, and proven by the oath of Joseph Blakemore one of the witnesses thereto, and continued for further proof; and,

At a Court held for the said county the 08th day of September 1809 - This Instrument of writing was proven

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