

WILL: Will of John BARNES, Probate records, Culpepper Co., VA; Fredricksburg, VA; 1791-1803; FHL# 975.5392 P2s, V#D, p92 (p267-8 in original)  
Date Written: 10 Apr 1798  
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Heirs: Agness BARNES, wife; Armistead, son; Nancy BREEDLOVE, dau.; Betsey ODEYS, dau.; Nelly SHIPS, dau.; Martin, son; William, son; John, son; Anna HAWKINS, dau.; wit: Robert SLAUGHTER Jr., Adonijah DELANEY, & Leonard BARNES (brother); executors: Robert SLAUGHTER, Leonard BARNES;

In the name of God, Amen. I John BARNES of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human live to hereby make this my last will and Testament revoking all other will or wills before made by me.

Imprimis I recommend my Soul to God who gave it .. and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows to wit:

I give and bequeath to my living wife Agness BARNES one cow an calf her choice of the best horse I may die possessed of one bed and furniture of her choice also one womans saddle an Bridle with future increase of the said Stock to her and her heirs and assigns forever, and further give to my loveing Wife Agness BARNES for during her life my land whereon I now live as also the residence of all my Estate that I may die possessed of for her own proper use for and during her said life.

Its my will and desire that my land disposed to my wife & the ballance of my Estate for her life be at her decease be sold by my Extrs. hereafter named and the money Equally divided among my children hereafter named and a daughter of my Wife (Viz) Armistead BARNES, Nancy BREEDLOVE, Betsey ODEYS, Nelly SHIPS, Martin BARNES, William BARNES, John BARNES and Anna HAWKINS to them and their heirs forever.

It is my express will and desire that in the case my Extrs. hereafter named shall find it to the interest of my Estate in their opinion and with the consent of my wife to sell my said tract of land whereon I now live at any time prior to my before limitted time of selling the said land that they are hereby Impowered an requested to sell the said land and appropriate the money out to Interest for the Benefit of my Wife or giving her such appropriation for her claim as may be judged an equitable one and the ballance as before disposed of.

I appoint my Brother Leonard BARNE and my friend Robert SLAUGHTER of Culpeper Extrs. of this my las Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal theis the tenth day of April Seventeen hundred and ninety eight.

Signed: John BARNES

Wit: Robert SLAUGHTER Junr., Adonijah DELANEY, Leonard BARNES.

Exhibited in court 16 Dec 1799.