



SHAW-WALKER

Third Cut #9203R

In the name of God Amen I John Biram of Bister
County & State of North Carolina being very sick &
weak in body, but in perfect mind & memory thanks
be given unto God; feeling unto 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 & recommend my Soul
unto the hand of Almighty God that spare 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 Resurrec-
tion, I shall receive the same again by the mighty
power of God - and as touching such worldly
estate ~~whereunto~~ ^{as} it has pleased God to bless me
In this life, I give & devise, and dispose of the
same in the following manner and form —

Item First I give & bequeath to my Son James Biram
one tract of Land lying in Bister County ~~one~~
thundered acres more or less adjoining the Land
of David Stone Jeremiah Bunch & Josiah Thomas
also one Negro boy Solomon & one three year
old grey colt to him his heirs and assigns
for ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Biram
one tract of Land lying in Bister County in Lockwood
Islands adjoining the Land of Jesse Waidmore,
John Waidmore & Joseph Collins containing
sixty acres more or less - also one Negro man
named Cato. also two cows & calves which he
has in his possession to him his heirs & assigns
for ever —

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I am I give & bequeath unto my Daughters Nancy Canday
& Judy White one Negro woman named Liddy her Land her
Inluxe to be equally divided between them and their
Heirs to them and their Heirs & assigns for ever

I am I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Biram
one Negro boy named Hampton one Feather bed & Furniture
Two Cows & Calves; to her and her Heirs and assigns
for ever —

I am I give and bequeath to my Daughter Esther Biram
one Negro girl named Piny also one feather
bed and Furniture also Two Cows and Calves to
her and her Heirs & assigns for ever —

I am It is my will and desire; that all the residue of
my property after paying my Just Debts
and my funeral expenses that ~~time~~ I have not
already given away shall be sold and
equally divided amongst all my Children

Lastly I constitute make and ordain ~~my~~
James Biram & Moses Gillam my Seal
Executors of this my Last will and Testament
And I do hereby utter & disallow revoke and dis-
=annul all and every other former Testaments wills
bequests and Executors, by me in any wise before
named wills and bequeathed; ratifying this and
knowing other to be my last will and Testament
~~in witness~~ whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this eighteenth day of February
one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine

signed, sealed, published, pronounced
and declared by the said John
Biram as his last will and
Testament in the presence
of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each
other have heard unto sub-
scribed our names

his
John ~~mark~~ 
mark

William Sowell
Thamer ~~mark~~ Sowell
mark

State of North Carolina May Term 1799
Beute County } The last will and Testament
of John Biram dec^d was proved in open court by the
oaths of William Sowell and Thamer Sowell the two sub-
scribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded
George Grayle

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