

Baker's will:

In the name of God Amen I Baker Johnson of Frederick Town being of sound mind memory and understanding and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs before it shall please God to remove me, I do therefore make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commit my soul to our beloved father in heaven and my body to be decently buried and after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

I give and devise to my son Baker Johnson in fee simple that part of my lands where he now lives which has been resurveyed by the name of Auburn which includes John's mountain part of the resurvey on Bennett Resolution and other landes (except the old saw mill tract) for my son William Johnson containing one and three quarters acres of which is taken out of the resurvey on Bennett' Resolution and which I have had sold off. It begins at a marked Hickory tree and a stone planted at the 3end of the tenth line of the tract called Auburn. Run from hence north forty nine west twenty five perches to a stone then north nine degrees east twenty eight perches to a stone planted at the end of the Eleventh line of Auburn with the right and privilege of carrying the water from below the mills at Baker's its old course? To to the old saw mill seat then continue the divisional line between Baker and William to the end of the twelfth line of Auburn and then from that a straight line to the east and of the fortieth line of Auburn so that Baker is to have all that part of Auburn that lays to the west of the divisional line here described with the right and privilege of all the water for his mills as it now runs from the furnace. I also give and devise to my said son Baker in fee simple the woodland lot of Ground No One containing two hundred and twenty acres which I have had laid off beginning at a stone at the beginning John's Mountain (thousand?) to a stone at the beginning of Good Will then run west one hundred and thirty six perches to a stone planted by the side of the old coal road then south thirty two degrees west two hundred and four perches to a stone planted by the side of the same coal road near the left of the mountain then run Easterly two hundred perches to a stone at the end of the teeth line of a late resurvey of James Johnson called Springfields then reverse the 12th line at S 82 E 58 p. Then N 6 E 5 perches to the end of the first line of John's Mountain and then by a straight line to the beginning. I also give and devise to my son Baker the negro slaves following with their future increase: big Dick Jany his Daughter and Will her son, old Jack and Magdeline his wife-Sal and Joe their children, Clem, yellow bill, Resey and Cloey his wife, Elsey and Jack son of Sook, I also give and Devise to Baker all the household Furniture at Auburn as his portion

I give and devise to my son William Johnson in fee simple all the other part of the Tract of land called Auburn that lays Easterly of the Divisional line as I have fixed between Baker and him. Also that part of all I can get that was left out of Auburn, also the old saw mill tract as excepted and described in my devise to my son Baker also part of the land I bought at the sale of Elias Kefavours Estate, Beginning for this part of the same hickory Tree and stone that the saw mill seat does and then runs North sixty degrees east until it intersects the Tract of Land called Auburn so as to include for William the northern part containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres I also give and devise to my son William the tract of land called Long discovered containing Twenty acres also the two hundred and fifteen acres part of the first Dividend which had been laid off for Jacob Ghrist but now belongs to be tho not yet conveyed to me. I also as property reserve for and devise to my son William and his heirs and assigns the right and privilege of taking water out of the creek near his old saw mill sear for the use of his Farm Stock and to fix on and identify the quantity of water he may raise a dam as hush as necessary confined the water under a six inch head and run it through an inch and a half augur hole and carry on conduct the water over or through any part of the land that Elias Lefauver lived on all and every part of the lands mentioned and devised to him are to him ion fee simple. I also give and devise to my son William the following negro slaves and their future increase: Farmer Sam and Sue his wife, Cate, Ally and Rose their children. Manuel and Mill, Bill (Poll's son), Wally, Farm Jacob, and old Will and Ester (??) his wife.

I give and devise to my beloved wife Catherine Johnson during her natural life the rest of the house and lots where we now live with the use of the whole of the furniture also the use of the new Brick Building next the market house containing the store and the other parts now rented to Messrs Adams and Waggoner, also the

use of my farm and Mills adjoining Monocacy Also Mount Airy Farm and the Vineyard Farm the use and profits of all this property she is to support, maintain educate all my six little children that require each to live with her and to have this as their homes-until married, Mrs. Johnson will not suffer any timber-a wood to be wanted or sold. I also give and devise to my beloved wife the following negroes and their future increase Toby and Jany his wife, Sue, Larkin, Ben, (waiter) ~ Bill (Waiter), Sam, Priss and Harriet her Daughter. Mrs. Johnson is also to have the use of all the negroes devised to each of my six youngest children until they each arrive to their age or get married the chariot and pair od horses after the death of my beloved wife I devise and divide as follows:

I give and devise to my son Worthington Johnson in fee simple the following property to wit the house and part of the lots where we now live the lots to be divided between my sons Worthington and Charles from Market Street to run with the brick wall under the woodhouse and to be extended in a straight direction to Mr. Beall's lot, I also give and devise to my said son Worthington my Farm adjoining Monocacy with the mills and also the lot of land I bought of Gardner And the lot of ground I bought of W Hanofer (could be Hanope or hanops) representatives and also my clover lot of ground as it now fenced in and which fronts on East Street and Josiah Bookeys Lot all and every part of those lands I devise in fee simple to him- I also give and devise my son Worthington the following Negroes and their future increase. Mill, Dick, Tom Beatty, and Jim (Janys children), Elias, Phil, big Harry and Poll his wife- I give and devise to my son Charles Worthington Johnson in fee simple the three story brick house building next the market house part of which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross and part by Messrs Adams and Waggoner with the remaining part of my lots adjoining it the lots to be divided between Worthington and Charles as is described in my devise to Worthington, I also give and devise to my said son Charles in fee simple my Mount Airy farm and my Vineyard Farm with all the land belonging to them also the lot of ground adjoining Worthington's clover lot Bookeys and Zealow Lands that fronts on the road which leads to my Mills. I also give and deviser to my son Charles the following Negroes and their future increase: Bill Harry and Mingo (sons of Sook at the Vineyard) Nanny (Janys daughter) Collier Sam, little Bill Humbert and Hanson Brook (Priss' son)

I give and devise to my Daughter Catharine Ross in fee simple the lot of land opposite Zealow's Barn containing nine acres also lot no 6 adjoining Washington and fronting South Street, also the use of that part of the house where she now lives and occupies until my son Charles arrives to the age of twenty one years.

I also give and devise to my said Daughter Catherine Ross the following Negroes slaves and their future increase: Nell and Frederick (her son) waggoner Henry (Polls son) and Milly his wife and Ann Jane (their daughter) Parris Beatty (daughter of Madgaline), Charlot daughter of Jany

I give and devise to my Daughter Julianna E. W. Johnson the following Negroes and their future increase: Jane and Mary (her daughter) Harvey the Waggoner, Mariah (Priss' daughter) Lewis and Romeo (Polls sons) and Nettie

I give and devise to my daughter Matilda C Johnson the following Negroes and their future increase: Liddy, Betty and Serena (her daughters), Mary (living at Bakers), Hetty (Priss' daughter), George (Sook's son) and big Bill Humbert

I give and devise to my daughter Caroline W.G. Johnson the following negro slaves and their future increase: Sook (at the Vineyard) Jacob her son, Lusinda (Priss' daughter), Christena and Len (her son) Ned (Polls son) and old Hanna

I give and devise to my four Daughters (Catharine Ross, Julianna E. W. Johnson, Matilda C Johnson, Caroline W.G. Johnson in fee simple the Catocin Furnace and all the lands annexed and appropriated to it reserving the water as it now runs for the mills at Basker's. Good Will, Stoney Bank or Park- Woodland, Poplar Bottom also Eighty Acres of land part of the first Devidend conveyed to me by Nicholas Carroll Esq. and all my part of the Mountain Tract (except the three lots of wood land I have had laid off No one I have devised to my son Baker No 2 is to be sold with the farm where Elias Lefavoieur did live No3 ???To hill ??? reverse- The furnace and property with the lands appropriated to it I wish sold to Mr. Blackford and which I estimate at twelve thousand pounds. I look on him a good man I ever have been and still am his sincere friend and hope

and expect he will esteem the Favourer? Just and reasonable for my children they are to possess the whole as remainder in common in fee?

I do hereby order and direct that the farm where Elias Legavor lived (except the north end or point of land which I have devised to my son William and the privilege of taking water and to be carried or conducted through any part of the said farm as directed for the use of his stock and farm is to be sold by my executor for the use of his stock and farm is to be sold by my executor to the most advantage at not less than 15 pounds per acre I also add to their farm the woodland lot no 2 containing one hundred and ninety acres adjoining Baker Not no 1 which no 2 is to be sold with lefavour farm to increase its value.

I also order and direct all my lands in allegany county to be sold. Also my lot in and lands near Connersvill to be sold also my house and lot of ground near to or adjoining Woodstock Town but is not conveyed to be yet both these towns are in pennsylvania all these lands here mentioned are to be sold by my executor and hereby authorize and empower my son Baker to convey any part or the whole or any land I have sold to be sold by my executors on the purchase money being paid

I also authorize and empower my executor to sell the stock (two shares I hold in the Potomack Company) the stock I hold in the Farmer Branch Bank and the Stock I hold on the Turnpike road after my just debts are paid out of the money arising from the sales of the property here directed to sold the remaining part of the money I direct to be equally divided between my four sons and four daughters- It is my wish and intention after the death of my beloved wife and I hereby direct that all my household furniture except that at Auburn which is given Baker as his part is to be equally divided between Catherine Ross, William, Juliana, Matilda, Worthington, Caroline, and Charles and their heirs, the whole of my live stock of every species and all other property whatsoever bothy real and personal not mention or disposed of in this my last will and Testament I devise and direct to bne equally divided among all my children share and share alike. It is to be understood and I herby service and direct that the whole of the property given to my children is to then severally and their heirs and assigns forever in fee and lastly I do herby constitute and appoint my dear wife Catharine Johnson and my son Baker JHohnson and William Ross Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty second day of February 1809

October 1810 codicil

Frederick County to wit on the 1st day of July 1811 Then came Tobias Butler and THomas B Jones two of the subscribing witnesses to the forgoing and Annexed last will and Testament of Baker Johnson late of Frederick County deceased and made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that on the first day of October eighteen hundred and ten Baker Johnson the testator named in the foregoing will in the presence and to these dessponents declare and acknowledged the name Baker Johnson ??? signed to be his thereunto? Testator own proper hand, and the seal thereunto to be his the testator seal- And these dessponents heard him publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last will and Testament that at the time of his ? he was to the best of their apprehensions of a sound and disproving mind memory and understanding that they respectively subscribed their names as to witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the testator. And that they did also see William Goldsborough the other subscribing witness sign his name as a witness to said will in the presence and at the request of the Testatore and all in the presence of each other

Whereas I Baker Johnson of Frederick County in the state of Maryland have made and executed my last will and Testament in writing bearing date of the twenty second day of February in the year od our Lord Eighteen hundred and nine which said last will and Testament and every clause bequest and devise therein contained I do herby ratify and confirm saving and excepting such part or parts theres as

are by me herein and hereby revoked and made void, and being desirous to alter the said last will and Testament in certain parts there do therefore hereby make this my codicil which it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct shall be held taken and considered as part of my said last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say-

I give and bequeath to my son Worthington Johnson his heirs and assigns forever this whole of my library of Law Books

I also give and devise to my said son Worthington Johnson his heirs and assigns forever the whole of that and of my lot on Church Street in Frederick Town which adjoins the lot conveyed to Andrew Helerick

I give and devise to my grandson Baker Johnson Ross his heirs and Assigns forever two lots of land situated on South Street in Frederick Town also adjoining the lot which I have conveyed to my Grandson William Johnson Ross

It is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my Executor shall sell and convey in such manner and on such terms as they shall think most beneficial all the lands to which I am in any manner entitled lying and being in Allegany County in the state of Maryland also all the lands to which I am in any manner entitled lying and being in the neighborhood of Connellsville in the state of Pennsylvania

And whereas in and by my said last will and Testament I have given and devised my furnace with the lands thereto belonging and attached to my four Daughters as by reference to my said last will and Testament above will more fully appear but did not give any direction for the sale of the said furnace and lands thereto attached, it is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my executor shall sell and convey on such terms and in such manner as to them shall seem and appear to them to be most beneficial the said Furnace with the land attached thereto and that the money arising from the sale of the said furnace and lands shall be equally divided among my said four Daughters share and share alike

It is also my will and desire and I do hereby direct that my executor shall cause to be laid off and run out a line from the gate which stands between the overseer house and the other farm house running a course with the commencement of the fence to intersect the first line of the Green Spring Tract also another line to be run from the said gate to the end of the stone fence that is begun to be made on the side of the road leading to my son Baker's House and it is my will and desire that all the land lying on the north of said lines and between said lines and the land I divided with William Bayley and also that all the land which I have bought of the said William Bayley and which are by him to be conveyed to me shall be considered as Attached to the furnace lands and to be sold and conveyed therewith it in the opinion of my executor it shall be necessary to sell the same with the furnace but if the lands so to be laid out as ?? and the said lands so as ?? to be conveyed to me by the said William Bayley shall not be sold with the furnace then it is my will and desire that the same shall be sold and conveyed by my Executor and the money arising from the sale be applied to the discharge of my debts

And whereas the piece of land described within the lines above is derived in my will to my son William Johnson I do hereby give and devise to my said son William Johnson his heirs and assigns forever instead thereof of all the lands which I bought of Lefavorer except what lie within the lines of the land to be laid out as ??

And whereas I estimate the furnace without the lot of land to be laid out as ?? and the land which I bought of William Bayley as worth twelve thousand pounds it is my will and desire that if the said lot of land and the said land which I have lately bought of William Bayley shall be sold with the furnace and the furnace and the said lot of land and also the said land to be conveyed by the said William Bayley to me taken together shall sell for more than the sum of twelve thousand pounds that then and in such case my Executor shall apply the surplus of the said sale exceeding the said sum of twelve thousand pounds to the payment of my debts

And whereas I am about to purchase of the Executor of the late Richard Potts deceased a piece of land adjoining to the mill farm which I have devised to my son Worthington Johnson it is my will and desire that if it shall conclude the contract for the purchase of the said piece of land from the executor of the said Richard Potts, that the whole of the said piece of land which I shall purchase shall be considered as attached to the said mill farm and shall become the right title and estate of my said son Worthington Johnson his heirs and assigns forever

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eleven

Witnesses William Goldsborough, Tobias Butler, and Thomas B Jones

### **Auburn**

One of the Johnson's advertised "Auburn" with a gristmill of 2 run, a sawmill, and 46 20,000 gallon/annum distillery, and a smith's shop. There were also "commodious and extensive hog pens [raising hogs on milling waste products was an important part of the grain economy] (Herald, December 7, 1822)

1810 Census

17 slaves living downtown with Baker Sr. (Baker and William Ross on living next to each other)

1810

23 slaves on census under Baker Sr. next to Roger

1810 Census

30 living at Auburn

Mount Airy Farm refers to land of Brunner Shifferstadt

Jan 7th 1832 ad for rent the store room of the house occupied by William Johnson adjoining the Market House. Apply to Charles W Johnson or William Johnson (been posted since Oct 8).

### **380-396 - McPHERSON, CHASE, JOHNSON, POTTS, REED - May 1826**

Bank of Westminster vs McPHERSONs

Alexander McPHERSON d/ intestate, leaving  
widow - Matilda Chase McPHERSON and 3 minor children

- Catharine McPHERSON

- Matilda McPHERSON

- John McPHERSON

Administrators was John McPHERSON Jr. and Doctor William S. McPHERSON.

Land - "Bellview" and Lots #6 and #7 of "Resurvey on Locust Levell"; 209+ acres, from Worthington JOHNSON (w/ Mary P.F.) in Nov 1823 (to Johnson from John Lee POTTS in Jun 1823); exception of 3+ acres to Jacob REED in Feb 1823.

- from Worthington JOHNSON (w/ Mary P.F.) in Nov 1823
- Lot #26 of "Tasker's Chance", 178+ acres, runs by Monocacy River and lands previously owned by Lawrence BRENGLE and Christian THOMAS; being the same as was conveyed from Clement HOLLYDAY and Gabriel DUVALL, esquire, commissioners of confiscated property (General Court Office, TBH-1, 436), to Baker JOHNSON in Sep 1785; and from Baker to Worthington in 1809.
- Lot #3 of "Pipe Meadow", 5 acres, next to Doctor FISHER's (to Baker JOHNSON from Isaac GARDNER in Feb 1803 and devised to Worthington from Baker's will);
- parts of "Pipe Meadow" and "Spring Garden", 9+ acres, on Monocacy River about two miles from Frederick Town and near the mill formerly owned by Col. Baker JOHNSON; purchased by Baker JOHNSON at public sale from Daniel HENOP, John HENOP and Jasper COPE, trustees for Philip HEYNOP & Co. in 1807 and devised by Baker's will to Worthington.

Guardian was the mother; trustees were John McPHERSON Jr. and William McPHERSON.

The farm was located one mile east of Frederick Town on the Turnpike road of 208+ acres. After failed sale, on 1 Jul 1826, Richard POTTS, esquire, was buyer at \$8,130.77. On 11 Sep 1826, an undivided moriety of Linganore Mills with 92 acres were sold to Col. John McPHERSON at \$12,000.

The mill on Carroll's Creek, commonly known as JOHNSON's Mill with 193 acres was about a mile from Frederick Town. After two failed public sales, private sale was made on 14 Apr 1829 to Col. John McPHERSON Sr. at \$15,000. Auditor's report ordered; file closed 3 Jun 1829.

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Maryland, Fredk County So wit  
 An Inquisition taken at Banks of Monocacy  
 in the County and state aforesaid on the  
 day of may in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred & fourteen before me Henry Bour  
 one of the Coroners of the said state for the County  
 aforesaid upon the View of the body of <sup>Mulatto</sup> Roy Adams  
 there and there lying dead upon the oaths of Lobbain  
 Pace, Lewis Ditch, John Hane Geo Adams, Jacob  
 Hiller, Jacob Mason, William Waterhouse, Peter  
 Tumb Maham Gaylor, John Hough, Michael Ditch,  
 Jacob Mackay, Peter Hough  
 good and lawfull men of the County aforesaid  
 who being sworn upon the holy ewangely of almighty  
 gods and charged to enquire where, where how  
 and ofter what manner the said Adams came  
 to his death, do say, upon their oaths that  
 the <sup>Mulatto</sup> Roy Adams came by his death  
 by falling in the Tail Race of the said mill  
 of that Drownings.  
 In witness whereof us well the aforesaid coroner  
 as the Jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition  
 put there hands and seals on the day and  
 year aforesaid at the place aforesaid

Henry Bour Coronor Seal  
 James L Seal  
 Lewis Ditch Seal  
 John Hane Seal  
 George Adam Seal  
 Jacob Hiller Seal

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Catharine (wife) should have mills at this point?

**Enslaved people notes:**

1. Negro Harry married Negro Polly, both owned by Baker Johnson ("who will care for their souls"), before 30 Jan 1792 at which time their son William was born
2. Negro Clemens, slave of Mr. Johnson, m. Sarah slave of Mr. Biggs, by 1798 (dau. Darcas b. 16 Nov 1798)
3. Negro Tobias m. Negro Jane, both owned by Baker Johnson, before 8 May 1786 at which time their daug Mille was born