

is lying above the road one hundred acres whereon the Working House stands. Patented by William Davis and a Part of a Hundred and fifty acre tract Patented by Jesse Davis. which lands and tenements she is to possess, and enjoy during her Natural life and Widowhood at her death said lands and premises to belong to my beloved Son George H. Darning he taking care to maintain and support his Mother, as long as she lives, as comfortable as in his power, he also to have the privilege of the land, to cultivate and have all reasonable privilege to cultivate the land.

I also give and bequeath to my son John F. Darning One hundred acres of land purchased of Edward Blackwell and called the Blackwell land, with the exception of a small piece lying between the Meeting House and Briary branch and also give him a small piece of the old Hundred acres, which lies on the lower side of the road and on the South side of Briary branch and join the Blackwell land and forty eight acres joining the Blackwell land patented by me and another piece called the Calf pasture. My Young horse I want kept for the use of the family. My riding chair I give to my wife for life time for her own use the other to be sold when convenient.

I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Sarah Darning, Mary Ann Darning, and Mary Jane Darning. One Hundred and fifty dollars to each one to be raised out of my Estate and as for my Negro man Tom to be sold or hired out and out of the profits arising therefrom the hire or sale a sufficient sum to purchase a Negro girl ten or twelve years old, and given to my wife for life time then to go to the use of the rest of my heirs, divided equally among them all and what remains of the price of Tom must buying a girl paying up each daughter their equal Part divide among them all.

I also appoint my son Valentine Darning Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal the said George

Renewing here to this my last Will and Testament
at my hand and seal the day and year above
written

George Darning ⁱⁿ seal

Signed, read, published and
declared in the presence of
us who were present at the
time of signing and bearing
thereof. In presence of -
Evan. Darning &
Joseph. Darning.

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In the Name of God. "Amen"

I Thomas Hester of the State of North Carolina and
County of Davidson, being weak in body but of a sound
and perfect mind blessed be almighty god for the
same, do make certain and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following
(That is to say)

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca
Hester, the plantation and tract of land whereon
I now live with all the profits and advantages and
the said land, belonging or in any wise appertaining
with the stock of Horses Cattle Sheep and hogs, with
all the Household and Kitchen Furniture and working
tools, of every description during the Natural lifetime
or Widowhood of the said Rebecca, Hester. After
her decease the said tract of land or plantation I
bequeath to my son William Hester, the tract of
land known as the Kelly place.

It is also my desire after the decease of my be-
loved wife Rebecca Hester that my Grand daughter
Mary Hester have my Young mare and my
daughter Patience Hester have one Cow and one

pick of the stock, and my Grandson William Hester the Colt which is now breaking the old mare and to my son Stephen Hester the sum of One dollar and the residue of my goods except the land shall be equally divided among the rest of my children Elizabeth Drift, Mary Drift, Sarah Phillips, Rebecca Hardy Comfort Hester, and Margaret Drift, and my grand daughters Mary and Margaret Hester to have one share between them.

I hereby appoint and nominate my friend David M. Mance, Executor of this my last Will and these accounts and revoking all former Wills by me or any time made.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27th day of April 1839.

Published and declared by the above named Thomas Hester to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Notary

Chas. D. the meaning is that Mary Hester have the Young Mare at my death. Rebecca Hester the Cow and Calf, and William Hester to have the Colt in like manner.

C. Mance &

David M. Mance

his
Thomas Hester
wrote

In the name of God Amen
I Samuel Serindal Gent of the County of Beaden in the State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory knowing the uncertainty of life and being aware of the necessity of preparing for death do not forget to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First. I give my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner, the expense whereof to be paid out of my estate I may leave and my soul I commend to God who gave it humbly trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour for pardon and acceptance through him and as touching my worldly goods that I may possess at the time of my decease it is my wish that all and every kind and degree thereof after paying my just debts be applied according to the following Legacies, and the accomplishment of the purposes herein after expressed.

Second. I give unto the Methodist Episcopal Church the House lately erected and suited for a place of worship near me, together with two acres of land on which it is situated.

Thirdly. I give unto the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, five m^{ts}. One on Sater Lloyd and John B. Brown for five hundred dollars with interest from 15th of July 1839. The other on David Taylor and Wm. Hale for one hundred dollars with interest from 3rd of April 1839.

Fourth. I give unto my loving son Samuel the plantation on which I now reside (exclusive of the two acres already given to the church) and all my lands adjoining the same together with the place on which he resides.

Fifth. I give unto my grand children Chester and John children of my loving son David, the plantation on which their Father now resides, to be theirs when the youngest one of them becomes of age, and to be equally divided between them.

Sixth. I give unto my grand child, son of the said David, the said plantation, Farmers Branch plantation, Middle Swamp plantation and hundred and fifty acres of land on the