

John P. Dickerson's Will

In the name of God Amen - I John P. Dickerson of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak of Body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed of God for all flesh once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (Wit) In presence, I commend my soul to the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Elisha Reel all my Carpenter tools and one grindstone to him and his heirs forever -

Item - I give and bequeath unto Augustus Puttall one Clock Case to him and his heirs forever -

Item - I give and bequeath unto Brenda Bummer two small Trunks to her and her heirs forever -

Item - I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Bummer Jr the large Trunk to her and her heirs forever -

Item - My Will and desire is after paying all my just debts funeral expenses and paying Elizabeth Bummer and family for their trouble in my sickness out of the money and bonds which may be found at my death the balance if any I give and bequeath unto my mother Manifold Watson -

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my good and faithful friend Thomas Joyner my whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament Discharging all Wills made for by me made in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 30th day of July 1843 -

L. M. Joyner

Matthew Johnson

Northampton County Court 1844. This last Will & Testament of John P. Dickerson was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of J. M. Joyner and Matthew Johnson the subscribing witnesses whereupon the same was ordered to be certified & recorded and shortly thereafter same was taken into open Court and qualified as before with Isaac Burroughs & L. J. Bonell. Thereafter in the name of two hundred dollars, the sum of two hundred dollars was ordered to be paid to the Executorship of the said John P. Dickerson.

Test. Thos. Wray

Tabitha Odum's (Will)

In the name of God Amen - I Tabitha Odum of the County of Northampton & State of N. Carolina do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows to wit -

1st I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Harriet M. Odum the sum of One Dollar -

2^d I give & bequeath unto my son John B. Odum my negro man Sam to him his heirs & assigns -

3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Marinda R. f. Odum her heirs & assigns for ever my negroes Allen, Sally, Jane & her child Potatoes, Parshaba and Harry and their increase, also two of my best Beds & furniture, my press & the furniture thereon, my Carriage & Sars, and Gig & Gear -

4th I give and bequeath unto my son Noah R. Odum after paying my debts & the cost of carrying this Will into execution all my other property of every description consisting of two negroes Ned & Freeman, my stock of every description household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils, Cotton Lint & Saw, Sticks, all my Tools, Credits R. to him, his heirs & assigns forever -

Lastly - I hereby nominate & appoint my son Geo. B. Odum sole Executor to this my last Will & Testament -

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this 9th day of October A.D. 1844 -

Tabitha Odum

Geo. B. Odum

Northampton County December Court 1844 - This paper Writing was exhibited in open Court in the last Will and Testament of Tabitha Odum and was proved in due form of Law by the oath of Cyphrus Cope & M. Williams Parsons the subscribing witnesses thereunto & on motion was ordered to be certified & recorded, whereupon Geo. B. Odum the Executor named therein, came into open Court and qualified as before.

Test. Geo. B. Odum