

James Dunn Dear Dady, I am now taken very ill with I believe the sickness
which that has killed all my neighbours, I knowing myself to be mortal expect
to meet death them in mortality I men to hasten to the brown shade of
Erebus where the dead are quickly forgot And as I have no will by me
I pray Dady let this letter be my will & fulfill it in yours. in regard to my
land in Caroline which is as follows Wth First I wish that my whole
Estate Real & personal be lent to my wife Sarah Dunn so long as she
Remains my widow and at her death or marriage in case of the latter
only wth the law allow her then I wish that my lands be Equally Divided
amongst my three sons namely Larkin Dunn Folla Dunn & Dabney
Dunn to them & their Heirs lawfully begotten but in case either Die
without such Heir then will is that his part go to the other two as
above mentioned but in case either of them Die without such heir
then my will is that my Daughter Mary Dunn own one Part & her
Heirs lawfully begotten in case they all die without such heir then
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my will is my three Daughters namely Mary Dunn Pamel Dunn
& Haley Dunn should share an Equal Division in the whole
mentioned as above but in case my sons live & Possess my Land
then my will is that my Daughters share the rest of my estate as may
make them as near Equal as it will allow & as the old Patriarchs
Bought them a certain Burialling place for ^{them} to be together & as I should
be glad to be near you the times are difficult I must leave it to your
Distressed family to make the best they can which I am afraid
will be very bad I add no more by sincere love to you & all my
Reverendations as well knowing I am to meet in Gentry may God in mercy
Preserve you all in unity of the last wish of your ever faithful
& Loving son Amen

To Mr John Thompson

in

Uppe County

In presence of
John Parker

James Dunn Esq
G. Cook 21 April 1784

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappan on the 20th Day of August 1781

Ex^o This Instrument of writing purporting the last will & Testament of James Dunn Deed was
Proved to be the proper be and coming of the said James Dunn by John Dunn his Father
and admitted to record

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In the name of God amen I Birkhead Braukins of the County
of Essex being in my perfect health & since calling to mind the certainty of Death
& the uncertainty of Life Do make and ordain that my last will & Testament in writing
by and I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me & my Body
to be buried in such a manner as the time & place will afford as for my worldly