

^{Dempsey}
^{Darden}
^{will} I Dempsey Darden of the County of Isle of Wight & State of Virginia
being in perfect Sense of mind but weak as to health do make order
constitute and appoint this to be my Last Will & Testament in man-
ner and form following that is to say. I here Give & bequeath unto
my loving wife Polly Swan Darden my Plantation whereon I
now live and all the Land belonging to the same, and at her death my
will and desire is that all my land should be equally divided between all
my children also I leave ^{to her} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~use~~ ^{use} and labour of my Negro Woman Jane,
and Venus & Sampson, Tim and Thomas & ~~others~~ ^{to her} during her single
life and at her Marriage or death my will is that the above ~~named~~ ^{named}
should be equally divided between all my children to them & their heirs for-
ever. I here Give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Darden one
negro Girl Rose to her and her heirs forever. I here Give and bequeath
unto my Daughter Betty Darden one negro Girl Kate to her & her heirs
forever. I here Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Susanna G. L.
one negro Girl Susan to her and her heirs forever. I here Give and bequeath

my loving wife Polly Swan Darden my Plantation whereon I
now live and all the Land belonging to the same, and at her death my
will and desire is that all my Land should be equally divided between all
my children also I leave her the use and labour of my Negro Woman Jane,
and Venus & Sampson, Tim and Abramo & Mays to her during her single
life and at her Marriage or death my will is that the above named things
should be equally divided between all my children to them & their heirs for
ever. I then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Darden one
negro girl Rose to her and her heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath
unto my Daughter Betty Darden one negro girl Kate to her & her heirs
forever. I then I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Susanna D.
Darden one negro of it being to her and her heirs forever. I then I give & bequeath
the unto my Daughter Maria Darden two negro boys named Tom & Tany
and the house for ever. I then I leave the use of my free field to
and forever my my wife & all my Darden as they shall see fit.

790 I leave to my daughter Sarah and then for them to be equally divided between my
Children also I leave the use of all my house hold and kitchen furniture
to her as long as she continues single and for it all to be equally divided
between all my Children also I leave three shares for her to use for the
use of the plantations also all the rest of my Stock I leave to her to
raise my Children and lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint Robert
Eley and Horatio Eley executors of this my Will and testament hereby
revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me heretofore made

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In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this
21st day of October in the year of our Lord 1803

Signed Sealed published & declared as for
the last will and testament of the
above named Dempsey Darden

Dempsey Darden

In presence of

Henry Saunders

Susanna Eley

Hollars Darden

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 5th day
of December 1803 This Will was presented into

the last will and testament of the
above named Desmoyse Garden

In presence of

Henry Saunders

Susanna Clay

Holland Garden

At a Court held for Stafford County the 5th day
of December 1803 This Will was presented into
Court by Horatio Clay one of the executors therein
named who made oath thereto according to Law and the same being
proved by the oaths of Henry Saunders, Susanna Clay, & Holland Garden
the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - and on the motion of the
said executor who together with Henry Saunders, Holland Garden &
Willis Roberts his Sureties entered into and acknowledged their bond
in the penalty of five Thousand dollars with condition as the Law
directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in
due form of Law -

Teste Wm D Young &
Clerk