

Henry
Delany
with

In the name of God Amen I Henry Delany of the County of Rockingham
being in sound sense and memory do make Ordain and Appoint this
my last will and Testament (revoking all others heretofore made) in
manner and form following. I Imparted I bequeath to my loving wife
Rebecca Delany in lieu of her dower in my estate the use of the plantation
whereon I now live together with the use of the following slaves to wit
Ara, Jimmy, Moses, Sue, Nanny, Amy, Peter and Andrew my riding
chair and Horse my riding Horse and two work Horses her saddle and
bridle with as much of my House and Kitchen furniture and as much
of my Stock of Cattle hogs and Sheep as she may have occasion for
during her natural life And after death I give Bequeath the slaves
mentioned to my said wife all the personal estate that shall be left at
her death to my son Edward Delany over and above what I shall
hereafter devise to him) together with their future increase to him and his

Rebecca Delany in lieu of her dower in my estate the use of the plantation
whereon I now live together with the use of the following slaves to wit
Ara, Jimmy, Moses, Sue, Nancy, Mary, Peter and Andrew my riding
chair and Horse my riding Horse and two work Horses her saddle and
bridle with as much of my House and Kitchen furniture and as much
of my Stock of Cattle hogs and Sheep as she may have occasion for
during her natural life And after death I give Hagar with the slaves
mentioned to my said wife all the personal estate that shall be left at
her death to my son Edward Delany over and above what I shall
hereafter devise ^{to} him together with their future increase to him and his
Heirs forever. Item I give to my daughter Mary Persons all the estate
I have put her in possession of to her and her Heirs forever. Item I give
and bequeath to my son Henry Delany my Tract of Land on Poplar
Creek

Creek together with four hundred acres on rattle snake Creek both tracts
 lying in the County of Brunswick and the four following slaves
 to wit, Harry, Sarah Lydia and Frank together with twenty five
 head of cattle not to be picked but taken in common except four
 which he is to make for Ben and the Stock of Horses and Hogs
 I have put him in possession of these future increase to him
 and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter
 Lucy Brooking the eight following slaves to wit, Will Jacob,
 Davie, Phoebe, Levina Lettice, Cloton and Janny with their
 future Increase to her and her heirs forever together with one
 thousand pounds I let her husband Robert Brooking have firmly
 when money was at ten for one and he lent it to his father Thomas
 Brooking who was to have given up money for it but has not
 done it as yet my will and desire is that my daughter Lucy
 Brooking shall live with my wife Rebecca Dolan during

her life and then with my son Edward Delany or to have a
House built on the west side of Miles Creek on his and
live there which ever she may choose during her natural life
Now I give and bequeath to my son William Delany all my
tract of Land lying on the west side of Miles Creek below
the main branch that runs down to my little old Mill
and on the east side of the said Creek Beginning at the
mouth of the Brickkiln branch below my Mill thence up the
same to the lane that now goes through my plantation
thence a direct course by the lane to my back line joining
William Lucas all the Lands below that together with
lease I purchased joining the same whereon Col^d Robert
Ballard now has abode to him and his heirs forever and six
slaves (twent) George, Daniel, Moll, Judith, Hannah & Esther with
their future increase together with one feather bed & furniture to
him and his heirs forever. Now I give and bequeath to

live there which ever she may choose during her natural life
Then I give and bequeath to my son William Belony all my
tract of land lying on the west side of Miles' brook below
the main branch that runs down to my little old Mill
and on the east side of the said brook Beginning at the
mouth of the Bricklin branch below my Mill thence up the
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their future increase together with one feather bed & furniture to
him and his heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath to my
daughter

daughter Fanny Delany seven Slaves (bond), Kate, Fath, Eliza, Phill, Dolly
 Easter and Pamela with their future increase together with a good horse
 saddle and bridle and a feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs
 forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Delany all the
 remainder of my tract of land whereon I now live after my wife's death
 together with my mill and Mill to him and his heirs forever & six negroes
 over and above those already given him to wit, Charles, Julia, Susannah
 Adin, Ben, & Daphne with their future increase to him and his heirs forever.
 My will and desire is that the rest of my estate not disposed of be sold &
 after my just debts are paid be equally divided between my four following
 children to wit, Lucy, William, Fanny, and Edward & I further desire that
 if any of my said children should die before they come of age or marry that
 their parts shall be equally divided between the survivors one of the said
 four. I hereby appoint my loving wife Rebecca Delany executrix and my

four. Thierby appoint my loving wife Rebecca Delany executrix and my
son William Delany executor of this my last will and Testament desiring
my estate may not be appraised Given under my hand and seal this
29th day of April One thousand seven hundred and eighty five
Signed Sealed & pronounced

to be his last will before us

Henry Delany L.S.

Rob^t Ballard

Jn^o Burton

Richard Bains

John Holloway

Jn^o Ballard Jr

John Daly

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 13th day of June 1785

This will was proved by the oaths of John Holloway, John Ballard jun

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This will was proved by the oaths of John Holloway, John Ballard jun
and John Daly, Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the
motion of Rebecca Delong and William Delong the executors therein

names who made oath thereto and together with Richard Kannon and
 Samuel Hopkins junior Gent their securities entered into and acknow-
 ledges their Bond in the penalty of Twenty thousand pounds
 Conditioned as the Law directs certificate was granted them for
 obtaining a patent of the said title in due form

Teste

John Brown B. Clerk

Mat Crisley

In Obedience to an Order of Mecklenburg Court dated May 1785
 we the Subscribers after being first sworn before Roger Gregory have
 appraised the estate of Matthew Crisley deced in current money
 this 11th day of June 1785 as follows Viz

1 large bay mare £8 10 1 small do £

1 mare colts do £8 1 head of cattle £5

1 sow & five shoats 25^{cts} 6 old horses 20^{cts}

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