

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Dawson of  
of Norfolk in the State of Virginia being weak in Body but of sound  
mind and memory (thanks be to God) do make this my last Will &  
Testament in manner and form following - viz -  
Infermity I give and bequeath to my Brother James Dawson, of the City of  
Glasgow in Scotland all my wearing apparel of what nature or kind  
soever, my Watch, silver Buckles, Saddle Bridle and whip, to be sent  
to him by my Executors hereafter mentioned; I also give to my said Brother  
James Dawson One hundred and ~~forty~~ <sup>twenty</sup> guineas, to be paid out of  
my Estate hereafter mentioned, for the use of my two ~~Whitson~~ <sup>Whitson</sup> now with  
him, to be applyed as he may think most proper -  
Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Dawson son of Mrs Ann Hall ~~Whitson~~  
Ann William my lot of Land in Norfolk Burrough adjoining the one  
she now lives on, to him and her heirs forever and  
the lot of Land that I have in part paid for to Mr William Plume  
as Trustee of Shuster and Payer on a Deed in Trust from William  
Bivans. I will that the balance be paid out of the money arising  
from the sale of my Estate hereafter mentioned or the money that  
may be collected that is now due to me; and after finally settled, It is  
my Will and desire that it be sent out ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> the yearly rent to be  
paid to my Loving Wife Catherine Dawson during her widowhood -  
It is my Will and desire that all my other Estate of what nature or  
kind soever not before mentioned, be sold by my Executors either for Cash  
or Credit as they may judge most advantageous, and the money then  
received with all the money now due to me on Bond, Note,

said to my Loving Wife Catherine Lawson during her widowhood  
It is my Will and desire that all my other Estate of what nature or  
kind soever not before mentioned, be sold by my Executors either for Cash  
or Credit as they may judge most advantageous, and the money then  
arising, together with all the money now due to me on Bonds Bills  
open Account or other wise, (after the payment of my just debts, & the  
remittance of the above mentioned one hundred and <sup>thirty</sup> ~~fifty~~ guineas to  
my Father James Lawson) be let out on Interest, and the Interest  
thence arising to be paid to my Loving Wife Cath<sup>n</sup> Lawson for her  
proper use and behoof during her widowhood — Provided that  
that my Wife Catherine Lawson is now big with should be born alive &  
live untill it attain to the age of twenty one, whether Male or Female  
I then give and devise the whole of the Principle money that may  
arise from the sale of my Estate or to be collected <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ the Accounts  
Bonds bills &c that is now due to me to him or her & his or her heirs  
~~and assigns~~ forever, Provided the Child my Wife is now big with should  
die before it attains to the age of twenty one years, and my Wife should  
again marry, It is then my Will and desire that the Lot of Land last  
above mentioned be sold by my Executors hereafter named and the money  
arising from the sale, together with the Principle money that  
may then be due, be called in and the whole of it committed to  
my Father James Lawson or my Brother James Lawson for  
the use of my two Children now with them to be applied to their  
use as my said Father or Brother may think most advantageous

Mr. Pherson of the Borough of Norfolk Esq. to this my last  
Will and Testament, making null and void all other Will or  
Wills heretofore made by me, In Witness whereof I have here  
unto set my Hand & Seal this twenty third day of  
April One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty

Signed published and  
declared in the presence  
of us

Thomas Lawson

Jonathan Park

Henry Collins

Francis Collins  
mark

This my Will above recited was being to my full satis-  
faction I do add this Following as a Codicil thereto

I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Catherine Lawson my  
Woman slave named Dinah, and also, one Bed and furni-  
ture

Signed published & declared  
in the presence of

Thomas

Jonathan Park

Henry Collins

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 Woman slave named Dinah, and also, one bed and furni

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 Henry Collins

James Collins  
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 Records and

W. H.

Thomas Dawson

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Also sent to Mr. J. J. County the 11th day of  
 May 1790. -  
 When last Will and Testament of Thomas Dawson  
 was made, and his estate divided, some time ago  
 given by the said J. J. County Park and Henry  
 Collins and others and others to be made:  
 David Griffithson, and the said Thomas Dawson  
 owned having taken the oath and given bond and  
 security according to law, certificate for obtaining  
 a patent in London was granted him: -  
 Test. for South in