

John Dawson of Southampton County in Virginia being
Sick and weak of Body but in perfect mind and memory
and Calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life and that
it is appointed for all men to Dy do make and Ordain this
my Last Will and Testament in form and Manner
following to wit:

Item I Give devise and bequeath to my Grandson John Dawson
the sum of twenty shillings Cash to him and his Heirs forever

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Johnson two shillings and six pence Cash to him and his
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Children the sum of twenty shillings Cash to be Equally
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Mary Dawson the Use and Profit of my Lovingly plantation
whereon I now live During her Natural Life with free
Privilege of all Timber &c that shall be necessary

for the Plantation use also I give her the Use Profit and
 Labours of my Negro Slave Called Betty During her Natural
 Life I also Give her One full Half of all my Personal Estate
 to her & her Heirs forever. It is likewise my will & Devise
 that the other half of my Personal Estate with a certain
 Tract or Parcel of Land lying on the North side of Black
 Creek Swamp containing forty five Acres more or less
 shall be sold to the best Advantage by my Exor hereafter
 named and the Money Arising therefrom to be applied to
 wards paying my Debts Legacies & funeral Expences.
 Now I Give Devise and Bequeath to my Grand son Darnie
 Darnison after my Wife Marys Decease the Plantation
 and Negro Slave Betty also the following Slaves to wit
 Peter, Sarah, and Rozella also all other the Lands and
 Proceffions of what nature or kind soever that I have
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already devised unto him & to his Heirs forever but for

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want of such heir then to his Brother Solomon Dawson
and his Heirs forever And Lastly I appoint my Cousin
Joshua Dawson to be my Executor to this my last Will
and Testament as Witnesses my Hand and Seal this 6th Day
of April 1755

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James Jordan Scott

Thomas Draper

Francis Denwon

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 12th Day of
February 1756

This Will was presented in Court by Joshua
Dawson the Executor therein named proved by the Affirmation
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a probat hereof in due form giving security

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