

Alexander Dennis Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Alexander Dennis of the County of Colleton and State of North Carolina being of a sound disposing mind and knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and proclaim the following my last will and testament,

1st That my estate that my executor hereinafter named, shall provide for my body a decent burial and bury my friends and relatives and pay all funeral expenses together with all my just debts; 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susananna all my property real and personal and mixed, Move and money during her natural life or widowhood (as being the planter & his wife on) and all person or property of whatever kind and money & move including my interest in my father's estate for her use during her natural life or widowhood.

3rd It is my will that my children now single and desire to remain on the farm shall have a home with their mother provided each contribute as far as able to his or her support and while they remain single and in case any one of said children should become afflicted they shall receive support from the proceeds of the farm, and at the death of my beloved wife all the property that remains on hand shall be equally divided to and amongst my children & their legal representatives except the beds and bedding which shall all be equally divided to and amongst all my daughters after my son Lewis receives one - and also my son Henry has received forty five dollars - a note that I paid to Phoebe Sherrill of his - the other children receive the said amount of 25 dollars each of the personal estate before Henry comes in for any part the distribution of personal property and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint

my beloved wife Susananna executor of this my last will and testament and hereby making null and void all wills and testaments heretofore made by me under my hand and seal this 28 day of June 1883.

A. Dennis

Signed sealed and proclaimed
in the presence of
J. W. Clinch &
A. W. Cochran.

State of North Carolina In the Superior Court
Currituck County

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Alexander Dennis, decd. is exhibited before me, the undersigned Clerk of said County, by Susananna Dennis the executrix therein named & the same executed & signed by the said Alex. Dennis, as sworn by the said executrix and examination of Jones Clinch & A. W. Cochran the subscribing witnesses thereto; & the said executrix, sworn, deposes, each for himself, as a witness, and each that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him, purporting to be the last will & testament of Alex. Dennis the said Alex. Dennis, in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which bears date of 28 day of June, 1883.

And the deponent further certifies, that the said Alex. Dennis, the testator, gave and declare the said paper writing to be subscribed by him & exhibited to be his last will & testament - & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as a subscribing witness thereto & at the request and in the presence of the said executrix. And this deponent further certifies, that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid, and at the time of deponent subscribing his name as a subscribing witness thereto as aforesaid, the said Alex. Dennis was of sound mind & memory, of full age & seemed a will, and was not under any duress - to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent & does further these deponent say not.

J. W. Clinch
A. W. Cochran

Subscribed and sworn to
this 21st day of May 1885
before me,
P. A. Hough, Clerk