

In the name of God Amen this Eleventh day of March at one thousand
eight hundred and twenty nine I Andrew Dennis of the County of
Chatham and State of North Carolina, being in a declining state of
Health, but in sound mind and memory, thank be to Almighty God for
the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in form & manner
as follows: viz First I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried
in a Christian manner and my soul into the hands of Almighty God
that gave it and touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased
God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of the same after paying my
Just bills and burial expenses in the following manner to wit
Item 1 I lend unto my dearly beloved wife Anna Dennis the plantation
whereon I now live containing 302 1/2 Acres more or less for Negroes
namely Robert, Felix, Sarah, and Mariah and their increase with the
exception of Child Sarah is now trusty with, which is to be my daughter
Malinda's, all of my Stock of Cattle, hogs and two Mares, namely
Pigeon and Fly, plantation Utensils, House hold and Kitchen
furniture and plentiful part of my provisions for the support of
my wife and family for one year, during her Natural life or
widowhood, and then to be sold and equally divided among my
children and then their with the exception of the land and Child
as above mentioned
Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Christ Dennis
one Negro man Call? Squid, one tract of land lying in Cambutan
County, containing one hundred and thirty six acres, one bond horse
Bridle and Saddle, one horse trap, Saw & Axe, Red Furniture
and every other article which I have given him to keep and all of
which he has in possession
Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter Luranny Thwait
2 Negro girls Namely Esther and Mariah, one Red Furniture one
Bond Horse Saddle & Cape and cap and Saw & Axe and every other
article which I have given her to keep & have upon all of which she has in
possession save the Bridle & Saddle and Mariah which she is to have
at the death of my wife

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Son William D. Dennis
one tract of land called the Heaton place containing one hundred & twenty
five acres the same more or less adjoining James Robbins settlement and
negro boy being one bound fully named Anne Bricks and death and
dead of furniture one cow and calf horse and pigs and one half of the
tract of land as his Mother lives upon at her death

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter Malinda Dennis
one Negro Girl namely Mary and the Child which is now lusty with it
lives and do good. if not to be made equal with Sweeney out of the property
to be sold before the division, one horse bridle Saddle and Cow & calf and
and pigs one Best Hummer

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Son Henry D.
Dennis one tract of land called the Thomas tract containing one hundred acres
the same more or less adjoining William D. Dennis and others one Negro
boy namely Albert one half of the land my wife lives upon at her
death one horse Bricks and Saddle Best Hummer, Cow & calf
hogs and pigs and one hundred dollars to school and board him to be
paid out of my estate as my Executor see proper

Item I leave my negro Charles in the hands of my Executor to have
out until my children come of age or till it is necessary to require
it and to be applied to the head of my children

And I left unto my worthy friend Samuel Robbins to be whole and
sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament and do revoke and
disannul all other Wills testaments made by me in writing or word

I have unto let my hand this day the day and year above written

signed sealed and delivered in
presence of us

James Robbins

Abner Cotton

(Signed) Andrew X Dennis
mark

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Andrew Dennis
was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Abner Cotton
Subscribing Justice of the Peace and ordered to be recorded with proper
Pursuant to the Statute then in force and appears in record
and can duly be proved