

Be it remembered that I Benjamin Dixon of Chatham County and State of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I order that all my just debts together with my funeral charges be paid out of my estate, the remainder of which I will and bequeath in the following manner:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ruth Dixon, all of my household and kitchen furniture including bed and bedding, drawers &c. also one horse to her choice, saddle and bridle, two cows, two sheep, loom and tacklings, to her use and at her disposal, also to have her maintenance off of my my plantations with full privilege of the house, where I now live, so long as she remains my widow.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son Simon Dixon the plantation I now live on adjoining Solomon Stewart, Alexander Stuart and others, also that which lays in the forks of Cane Creek adjoining Simon Dixon, William Albright and others, to him his heirs and assigns forever; Also my wagon and gears and one horse, and all my farming utensils consisting of ploughs hoes &c. also my clock and desk and the remainder of my stock of cattle, hogs and sheep and fulling tools, also what money there is on hand, and also what notes there is on hand, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, also all my books. And it is my will that he Simon Dixon shall pay to my eldest daughter Elizabeth Kemp the sum of seventy five dollars as an equivalent, in consequence of him getting all the land, also to my daughter Mary Pickett the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose above mentioned, also to my daughter Hannah Stout the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose above mentioned, to them their heirs and assigns forever. All of which sums shall not be recoverable till the expiration of Ruth's widowhood.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Simon Dixon, whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the ~~thirty~~ third day of the tenth month, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the said Benjamin Dixon to be his last will and testament in presence of us

Hugh Woody
Solomon Stewart
Peter Allen

Chatham County— This certifies that the foregoing last will and testament of Benjamin Dixon was produced in open Court, and proved by the affirmation of Solomon Stewart, and the oath of Hugh Woody, subscribing witnesses thereto, which was ordered to be recorded: whereupon Simon Dixon the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified Teste N. A. Steadman C. C. C.