

In the name of God Amen. I John Dault of County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being in Good health and of sound mind and memory Thanks to Almighty God for the same, But calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, I make ordain and Publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form as follows to wit:

Item first It is my will that all my Just debts with my funeral Expenses be first paid.

Item Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Dault all my lands and Plantations whereon I ~~now~~ live together with my Wagon and and Horses and all my Stock of cattle Hags and Sheep with all my household and kitchen furniture to be kept by her for the purpose of supporting and Raising my three sons John James, & Clement together with all my Rights and credits and every thing I may be possess of at the time of my death. I give this all to her to be used by her for the above purpose of supporting herself and her three children.

Item third, I also give my wife Polly my negro man Slave Anderson to be kept and owned by her as long as she lives and whatever may remain at her death I wish Equally divided between my three sons at her death.

Item 4th. I give to my son Heskiah Dault one dollar to be paid to him out of my Estate, my reason for this small bequest is that I have heretofore given to my son Heskiah more property than all the property I now possess is worth.

I appoint Sampson Edwards my Executor to this my last will & Testament.

Signed and Sealed with my Seal this 15th day of January 1845.

Signed & Sealed & acknowledged in presence of

Geo Luther
Wm Cook

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John Dault
Mark

State of North Carolina, County of Chatham, Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, November Term 1854.

This certifies that the foregoing last will and Testament of John Dault died was proven in open Court by the oaths of Geo Luther & Wm Cook the subscribing witnesses, the same was and intend to be Recorded when upon Sampson Edwards, the Exr. therein named appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as such.

John M. P. Taylor Clerk