

259 was before named Me and bequeth, Ratifying an a con-
 firming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 in the year of our Lord 1814 September the 22nd day
 Signed sealed pronounced
 and sealed by the said Thomas
 Bramble as his last Will &
 Testament in the presence of us
 Claiborne Gathree
 William Love
 Thomas Bramble
 from November 1814
 by William Love

In the name of God amen. I Joseph Darts son
 being very weakly as to my body but of a sound and
 disposing mind, do make this my last Will and Testament
 that is to say first I recommend my body to be decently buried
 and I give into the hands of that power that gave it &
 my worldly concerns as follows. I give, I give and I give
 is that all my Just debts shall be paid as soon as the
 nature of the case will admit. Secondly, I give unto my
 Wife Minny Darts the use of my home plantation and
 her natural life or widowhood, together the whole of my
 Stock of any kind plants and blunts, Household &
 Kitchen Furniture, also the care of four Negroes, to wit
 Henry, Sucky, J. Larry. Fourthly, It is my
 Will at my death my New low Creek Land may be

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 equally divided between my son Samuel an Joseph Darts
 Fifthly, I give unto my son Abicajah Darts one Negro
 Boy by the name of Barclay at his death when the other
 Negroes are divided, as also an equal share of the general
 division of the Negroes property Barclay inclusive.
 Sixthly, I give unto my daughter Sally Darts one Negro
 named Anica at her valuation at a general division of the
 other Negroes but that at the death of my said daughter Sally
 the said Negro Anica and her increase shall come to Sally's
 son Harris Darts and his heirs. Seventhly, I give unto my
 Daughter Minny Darts one Negro Woman named Rebecca
 at her valuation at a general division of the Negroes prop-
 erty. I mean no increase of Rebecca until the division
 Eighthly, My Will and meaning is, that if any one of the
 Negroes that I have mentioned in a special manner for
 my above Children should die before a division should
 take place, that the son nor daughter is to lose it but
 shall have equal with the other Children as to Negroes.
 Ninthly - My Will and desire is that the remaining part
 of my Negroes be equally divided between the whole of my
 Children to wit, Henry H. Paying respect to my special con-
 sider to wit, Abicajah, Sally, Lucia, Mary, Samuel, Joseph,
 Minny, Rebecca, Elizabeth & William. Tenthly, My Will
 and expectation is that my five daughters that are single
 (I mean not married) live with their Mother in the same
 or as near as two of them also their Negroes, should they choose

261) to do, but should they or either of them or either of them marry, or be caused to leave their Mother part of Negro property will be theirs. Lastly. My Will is that when either of my five Daughters that are now single, should or be caused to remove themselves, that they shall be furnished out of the estate left to my Wife Winney Dark a reasonable Horse Bridle and Saddle, also one Feather Bed and Furniture and one Cow & Calf.

Further. My Will is that at the death of my Wife the land here to her be divided as follows. I give unto my son Samuel and Hirs all that part lying East of Rappers Spring branch and to my son Joseph that part lying West to him & his Hirs. Furthermore. It is my Will that at the death of my Wife, that the remainder of my property here to her together with its profits be equally divided between the whole of my Children as hereafter named. And lastly I do give, constitute and appoint my Wife Winney Dark my son Samuel Dark and my Friend & Neighbor Mr Geo my brother and sole Executor & Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Nothing I disannulling all others by me made. In witness whereof I Joseph Dark of Chatham County & State of North Carolina have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 28th of Aug^r

1812 Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the presence of us
Joseph Dark
Samuel Dark
Joseph ID Dark

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I hereby further wish and ordain that my worthy friend
and son in law John McGee one of the Executors of this
my Will among whom I have already appointed

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
John B. McBarre
Aaron Dark

Joseph W. Dark
" " " " " "
Witnessed 18th by
Aaron Dark & Aaron Heaton

In the name of God amen I William Duly Senior
of Chatham County and State of North Carolina being weak
in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty
God therefore calling to the mortality of my body &
knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament which is to say
and principally of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of almighty God that gave it; and my body I
recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian burial, nothing
doubting but at the general resurrection of the just to receive
the same by the mighty power of God: And in touching and
worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life, I give devise and dispose of same in the manner
and following I give I bequeath to my wife to have
Wife Catherine all the Household property during her life
or widowhood. Then I give to my son Thomas Duly