

and I do by these presents, Constitute and make this  
Testament of writing my Last Will and Testament unto  
the above named persons from my<sup>3</sup> Hire or assigns Executrix  
or Administrator unto the above named persons their Hire  
or assigns to. In witness whereof I the said Rachel Darn  
hath hereunto set my hand and seal this year and date  
above written assigned sealed and delivered, the present of me  
J.C. James Stanley, Amos Stanley, Elly t.<sup>th</sup> Wauter?

Rachel Darn Esq.

In the name of God amine. I Lewis Dickson of the  
County of Duplin in State of North Carolina being now in  
a low State of Bodily Health, but of sound mind and  
disposing mind and memory. Blessed be God for it. and  
Recollecting that it is appointed for all men to die.  
Have determined now to settle my Temporal affairs, and  
to declare in what manner I wish my Property to be  
disposed of after my death. I therefore make and ordain  
this to be my last will and testament in manner and  
form following. That is to say: First it is my will and  
desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be  
first paid out of the Money herein after directed to be  
raised by the sale of a part of my Personal Property.—  
Secondly. I bind and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine  
Dickson, all the land and plantation wherein I now  
live, during her own life, and also the following Negro Slave,  
Sam Price and his child Venus, Sina, and Isaac,  
during her Natural Life; and at her death to be Equally  
divided between my two Children, Patsey Dickson, and  
Eliza Dickson, to them and their Hire and assigns for ever.  
Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Catharine Dickson one of my Chairs, (her choice) my  
Riding Chair and Harness and all all my Household  
and Kitchen furniture. Except two Beds, Bedsteads and  
furniture; to her and her Hire and assigns for ever, to  
be disposed of as she may think proper. Fourthly. I give and  
bequeath to my two daughters, Patsey Dickson and Eliza  
Dickson all the rest of my slaves, to wit Sambo, Denny,

Snick and two children, Petetta and Clarissa, Silas and her  
child Mary: and the two Beds, Bedsteads and furniture, herein  
above Excepted to them, and their Hire and assigns for ever.  
It is also my will and desire that all the last mentioned  
slaves herein bequeathed to my two daughters, shall be  
hired out by my Executors, immediately, or as soon as  
may be after my death, to the highest bidder, for the  
Benefit, of my said two daughters Patsey and Eliza, &  
that no division shall be made of them until one  
of my said daughters shall marry or arrive at the  
age of twenty one years. — and as my Negro man Sambo  
is under some Bodily infirmity, it is my will and  
desire that my Executors shall hire him out at private  
sale at their discretion, from time to time to such Persons  
as will treat him with Humanity. Fifthly it is my will  
and desire that my lands lying on the Polk Bridge branch  
by the Muting house shall be sold by my executors at  
Public sale, and also all the Remainder of my Property  
of every description, be sold at Public sale. Except so  
much corn and Bacon and other necessary provisions  
as will be sufficient for the use and Subsistence of my  
said wife Catharine Dickson, and her family and stock  
for one year;) And the amount of the sale of said lands  
and other Property (after paying all my just debts and funeral  
Charges) to be Equally divided between my two daughters  
Patsey Dickson and Eliza Dickson: — And it is also my  
will and desire that my wife Catharine Dickson have  
the guardianship of my said two daughters, Patsey and  
Eliza, and that she school and Educate and Clothe them  
at her own discretion, and draw upon their Property herein  
bequeathed to them for all necessary Expediture for them.  
Lastly. I Nominate, Constitute, and appoint, my beloved wife  
Catharine Dickson Executor and Trusty and worthy friend  
David Stokes and Elias Faison, Executors to this my last will  
and testament. Lastly entirely dissimulating and making void  
all other Wills and Testaments by me hitherto made.  
Declaring this and this only to be my last will and testament  
Signed, Sealed, Published Pronounced and declared by the Testator

to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us.  
Lew Barber, Dickson Notcs. S.

Lewis Dickson *Seal*, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1815.

State of N<sup>th</sup> Carolina }

Duplin County } April Term 1815.

This was the within will proved in Court by the oath of  
Dickson Barber one of the subscribing witnesses to the said  
will. And the said will be Recorded &c. And at the same  
time Catharine Dickson the Executrix and David Hooker one  
of the Executor names in the said will came before the  
Court & Qualified as such according to law. — And  
that letters issue accordingly: Test H<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I William Duacks being this  
19<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1770 very sick but of sound and perfect  
Memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind  
that it is appointed once for all men once to die, And I  
recommending my soul into the hands of the Almighty  
God that gave, And body to be buried in a Christian decent  
manner at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named  
and Touching such worldly goods as it hath been placed  
God to bestow me I give and bequeath them in manner  
and form following To wit: Item, I send unto my well  
beloved wife Mary a farm Dicks the Plantation where I  
now live during her widowhood and all my household Goods  
Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Common  
one bull to her and her heirs for ever. Item, I give unto  
my son Presley Duacks one cow and calf to him and  
his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my son William  
Duacks one colt and one cow and calf to him and his  
heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert  
Duacks one colt and one cow and calf to him and his heirs  
for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Sedah  
Duacks one cow and calf to her and his heirs for ever.  
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhode Duacks one  
sheep to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath  
to my son Henry Duacks the Plantation where I now live  
to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath

to my daughter Elizabeth and Nannie Duacks their heirs of  
small cattle to live and her heirs for ever. Item I also  
lend unto my wife before wife all the rest of my  
estate not yet mentioned both Real and personal unto her  
during her widowhood and then to be Equal divided  
between her and my four youngest Children Sedah, Rhode,  
Henry, Elizabeth, and Nannie Duacks to them and their  
heirs for ever. And further I do nominate and appoint  
my Trusty friend Robt Blackmon Executor of this my  
Last Will and Testament. And I do command all other  
former wills to be void and of none effect. And I do declare  
this to be my last Will and Testament for Testimony where  
of I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal the day  
and year first above written. ? Interlined before signing the  
word? Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of William  
<sup>in mark</sup> Duacks Jr. Robt <sup>in mark</sup> Blackmon <sup>in</sup> Robt <sup>in</sup> Blackmon.

William X <sup>in</sup> Duacks *Seal*.

State of North Carolina } January Court 1782.  
Duplin County }

There was this within Will proved in open Court Court  
by the Oath of Robt Blackmon in due form of Law &c.  
Test William Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I pick Duacks of the County of  
Duplin and state of North Carolina being of sound and perfect  
mind and memory do make and order this to be my last Will  
and testament in manner and form following. First I  
command my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth to be  
buried at the discretion of my Executor Hufner to be named  
my worldly Goods, I dispose of as followeth. Item I send  
to my beloved Wife Fanny Duacks the Land and plantation  
where I now live and also the tools of my household and  
kitchen furniture and my two young mares and my Riding  
Chair and Hunting Saddle. Also the tools of my stock of  
Hogs and sheep & four cows and calves or yearlings and  
one Heifer. Also my cart and all my plantation tools of  
Every Description and one Bar of Iron and what scull 2  
hors to meet this time and what cow and other provision

to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us.  
Lwin Barber, Dickson Strobes s.

Lwin Dickson *Seal*, July 11<sup>th</sup> 1815.

State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina)

Duplin County } April Term 1815.

This was the within will proved in Court by the oath of  
Dickson Strobes one of the subscribing witnesses to the said  
will. And the said will be Recorded &c. And at the same  
time Catharine Dickson the Executrix and David Strobes one  
of the Executor names in the said will came before the  
Court & Qualified as such according to law. — And  
that letters issue accordingly. Test H<sup>m</sup> Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen I William Quacks being this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1770 very sick but of sound and perfect  
Memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind  
that it is appointed once for all men once to die, And I  
Recommending my soul into the hands of the Almighty  
God that gave, And body to be buried in a Christian decent  
Manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named  
and Touching such worldly goods as it hath here placed  
And to bestow me I give and Bequeath them in manner  
and form following To wit: Item, I And unto my well  
beloved wife Mary a farm Dicks the Plantation where I  
now live during her widowhood and all my household Goods  
Item, I give and Bequeath to my daughter Sarah Common  
one mill to her and her heirs for ever. Item, I give unto  
my son Presley Quacks one cow and calf to him and  
his heirs for ever. Item I give and Bequeath to my son William  
Quacks one colt and one cow and calf to him and his  
heirs for ever. Item I give and Bequeath to my son Robert  
Quacks one colt and one cow and calf to him and his heirs  
for ever. Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Sibah  
Quacks one cow and calf to her and her heirs for ever.  
Item I give and Bequeath to my daughter Rhode Quacks one  
sheep to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give and Bequeath  
to my son Harry Quacks the Plantation where I now live  
to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give and Bequeath

to my daughters Elizabeth and Nannie Quacks three head of  
small cattle to Lwin and his heirs for ever. Item I also  
lend unto my will belovd wife all the rest of my  
estate not yet mentioned both Real and personal unto her  
during her widowhood and then to be Equal Divided  
between her and my four youngest Children Sibah, Rhoda,  
Henry, Elizabeth, and Nannie Quacks to them and their  
heirs for ever. And further I do nominate and appoint  
my Trusty friend Rien Blackmore Executrix of this my  
Last Will and Testament. And I do command all other  
former wills to be void and of none effect. And I do declare  
this to be my last Will and Testament in Testimony where  
of I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal the day  
and year first above written. In Testimony before signing the  
words? Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of William  
mark Quacks Jr. Robt <sup>h</sup> mark Quacks Rien Blackmore.

William <sup>h</sup> Quacks *Seal*

State of North Carolina } January Court 1782.

Duplin County }

There was the within Will proved in open Court Comt  
by the Oath of Rien Blackmore in due form of Law &c.  
Test William Dickson C.C.

In the Name of God Amen. I pick Burkiss of the County of  
Duplin and state of North Carolina being of sound and perfect  
mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will  
and testament in manner and form following. First I  
command my Soul to God and my Body to the Dust to be  
buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named  
my worldly Goods, I dispose of as followeth. Item I lend  
to my beloved wife Fanny Burkiss the Land and plantation  
where I now live and also the tools of my household and  
kitchen furniture and my two young mares and my Riding  
Chair and Hunting Saddle. Also the tools of my stock of  
Hogs and sheep & four cows and calves or yearlings and  
one Heifer also my cart and all my plantation tools of  
Every description and one Bar of Iron and what scull I  
have by me at this time and what corn and other provision