

John Dawson dec'd will

In The Name of God. amen. I John Dawson of the State of N. Carolina Halifax County being sick & of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be Almighty God. do this twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament, in manner following. That is to say —

First: I give & bequeath to my son Jeph. Asherton Dawson his heirs & assigns forever, the plantation whereon I now live, also the tract of Land I purchased of Jeph Bryant. Joining thereto: I also give to my son J. Asherton Dawson his heirs & assigns forever, a small tract of Low Grounds, beginning at the mouth of Kehuky running up the various courses of the river to the upper end of the old me field, then across the low Grounds to Kehuky Gut, then down the various courses of said Gut to the river: Item I give & bequeath to my son John Dawson his heirs & assigns the following tract of Land lying in Northampton County. the plantation whereon my deceased father lived, lying on Banger Creek & the same joining Thule, which I purchased of John Dawson son of Henry Dawson, also including the mill on the said Land: Item. I give & bequeath to my son Henry Dawson his heirs & assigns the plantation & mill, lying in Halifax

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fild, then across the low grounds to Kahukey Gut, then down the various courses
of said Gut to the river. Item I give & bequeath to my son John Dawson his
heirs & assigns the following tract of Land lying in Northampton County, the
plantation Whurion, my deceased father's land, lying on Bridger Creek & the same
joining Thurtle, which I purchased of John Dawson son of Henry Dawson, and
including the mill on the said Land. Item I give & bequeath to my son
Henry Dawson his heirs & assigns the plantation & mill, lying in Halifax
County lying on the North side of Kekuby Swamps bounded by Roanoke
Cypress Swamps, the dividing Branch I drop to Kahukey, then down the various
courses of said Swamps, until it comes opposite to my son Atherton's line then along

his line to the river: I then Give & bequeath to my son William Williams
 Dawson his heirs & assigns forever, all my Land lying in Northampton County, on
 Masha Swamp, which will appear by Patents & deeds, I also give my Land lying
 in Edgecomb County on Tar river as will appear by Deeds, to my son W. Williams
 Dawson his heirs & assigns forever: my will & desire is that my Lands lying on Concho
 pocoon, Edgecomb County, also my tract of Land I purchased of Dempsey Taylor
 lying in Northampton County be sold by my Executors to discharge my Just Debts
 I then Give & bequeath to my son Joseph Arthur Dawson his heirs & assigns forever my
 lands lying in Georgia, as will appear by Deed from Marmaduke Norflees when
 made or Done, also it is my will & desire, that my Executors sell the lot of Land lying
 in Williamston for the benefit of my Estate: I then Give & bequeath to my son Henry
 Dawson his heirs & assigns the following negroes, little Sam. moll & all the increase of
 said negroes, from the date hereof. I then Give & bequeath to my son W. Williams Dawson
 his heirs & assigns the following negroes, Judith & Green & all the increase of said negroes
 from the date Hereof. I then Give & bequeath to my sons, Joseph Arthur Dawson
 John Dawson, Henry Dawson & W. Williams Dawson, their heirs & assigns all the
 Estate of the said Joseph Arthur Dawson, John Dawson, Henry Dawson & W. Williams Dawson

John Dawson, Henry Dawson & W. Williams Dawson, their heirs & assigns all The
Residue of my Estate to be Equally divided between them I have & share alike & if in
case my said four should all die without Lawfull Issue it is my will & desire
that my Sister Charity Williams's Children should inherit all The Estate belonging
to the above mentioned as will appear by the above written. And hereby make & Ordain
my worthy friends Samuel Williams, Gideon Abbot & James Barnes Executors of
This my last Will & Testament. In Witness Whereof I the said John Dawson have
to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & Seal the day & Year first above
written.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the s^d. John Dawson
the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence
of us, who were present at the time of signing & Sealing thereof
John B. Williams, Thomas Howell, Lewis Wallis

In. Dawson

Halifax County s^d November September 1797 Then this Will was exhibited in
open Court & duly proved by the oath of Lewis Wallis one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto
and on Motion ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon Samuel Williams Gideon Abbot
& James Barnes the Executors herein named, came in & took duly qualified to the
same.

Witness

L. Long Clerk

John W. Wadsworth

I Order & direct the following memorandum to be Considered as my last will. viz:
If I die at Halifax, my Funeral to be under the direction of my friends William Burt &
Charles W Harris Esqrs or either of them, they are hereby empowered to pack me away
any way they please with my head to the East, West, North, or South. I. A. Get out of
Bneath at any other place, whoever pleases may exercise the right delegated to the
above Gentlemen: I possess very little estate so much the better, there will be the
less Trouble to my executor: I desire all my Books, Manuscripts, with my large Gold
Watch seal & Silver Buckles, may be sent securely & safely to my only Brother
William in Britain, to whom I give them: I desire my Executor to settle & pay
what I owe, which is very trifling, & to collect what is due me which will considerably
exceed what I owe: I give to my worthy Friend William Burt viz. my pistols, I
mean The Large one which were formerly Mr. Muir's, which I desire he will keep
as long as they last or he lives, requesting at the same time, that he will use them
only against his Enemies, never for trifling disputes against his friends. I give
my Executor after paying all I owe & collecting what is due, to transmit what
balance may remain in their hands to my father David W. Wadsworth in Britain.

court & made oath that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of the st John McEllan & that they believed the said paper to be in the proper hand writing of the st decase, as also the signature & it likewise appearing on oath, that the said paper was found amongst the valuable papers of the st John Thompson ordered to be Recorded: Whereupon William Burt & Charles W. Harrup. Executors Therein Named Came in & were duly Qualified Therein.

Witness my

Hand
J. Long Cole

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Statter of Halifax County State of North Carolina, being lawfully & expert my dissolution; but of perfect memory do constitute this my last will & Testament. I give, My soul to God, my Body to be buried in hope of a Glorious resurrection, my property as follows.

- 1st My negro man Pompey to be the property of my Daughter Chasanna & L. her heirs &c.
- 2^d My negro man Peter to Lewis Statter & his lawful heirs if any otherwise, to revert back to, & forever Equal division among my said Grand Children.
- 3^d My maner & other small property to be equally Divided between my two Daughters Daughters Lucy Hardin & Susana Cole: In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto Set my hand & Seal. This 12th day of November A.D. 1797

Elizabeth Statter

Elizabeth Statter the wife