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James Potts Sen. of Beckett County & State of Carolina being  
much on the decline of life & sensible that its appointed for all  
men to die. do therefore make & ordain this my last will & testa-  
ment. And first of all I recommend my soul <sup>alms</sup> to God who gave it  
& my body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian like manner  
And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God  
to bless me with, I give devise & dispose of as Followeth.

Wish. First, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah a good feather  
bed & furniture her Saddle & bridle, all my dresser furniture  
one middle size Pot, one dutch oven, also one fifty dollar  
note due from Son Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1812 also  
my negro boy. Hick. which boy she is to have during her life & at  
her death he is to be sold.

Next. I give & bequeath to my son Henry Two fifty dollar Notes due  
from himself for Land he purchased & from me the one due  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1811 the other due on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1817.  
also my big Bible.

I Next. give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann Sherrill a fifty dollar  
note due from my son Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August  
1815. Next I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Henry  
a fifty dollar note due from my son Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup>  
of August 1814.

one middle size Dutch oven, also one fifty dollar note due from Son Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1812 also my negro boy, Hick, which boy she is to have during her life & at her death he is to be sold.

Next, I give & bequeath to my son Henry two fifty dollar notes due from himself for Land he purchased & from me the one due on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1811 the other due on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1817. also my big Bible.

I Next, give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann, Sherill a fifty dollar note due from my son, Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1815. Next I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Henry a fifty dollar note due from my son Henry & payable on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1814.

Next, I give & bequeath to my grandson Jas. Potts Henry my daughter Sarah son the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars to be paid into the hands of John Thomas in one year after my decease which I appoint his guardian, which sum he is to put to Interest for Jas. Potts Henry until he is of age.

Next, give & bequeath unto my son William three fifty dollar Notes, due from son Henry one becoming due the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1816 One do the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1815. & one do the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1816 as also my Clock. — The remainder of my Estate both real & personal to be sold my outstanding debts collected & all my just debts paid, as also a comfortable provision made for my former beloved wife Sarah during her life & at her death the negro boy to be sold as before directed.

likewise order my ~~Executor~~ hereafter named to pay daughter Sara  
(now) the Sum of Fifty dollars to be paid her in two years after my death  
The remainder of my Estate to be ~~disposed~~ <sup>distributed</sup> of, in the following manner  
my Son Henry to have one third & my son William to have the remainder  
two thirds.

And Lastly I constitute & appoint my two Sons Henry & Wm. Dotson  
Executors of this my last will & testament & I do solemnly charge them  
to see that my beloved wife be comfortably supported during her life.  
And I do hereby revoke & disannul all other wills by me made & do publicly  
& pronounce this my last will & testament. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1810

Signed & Sealed in presence

of John Nibel Sec<sup>y</sup>

Wm. Fearnot

Robert Dotson jurat

James Dotson

Sec<sup>y</sup>