

James Durham's Will

In the Name of God Amen- I James Durham of Johnston and Province of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of perfect sense and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it as for my body I commit it to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors and Exors but my wishing my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose of it in the following manner Viz. in the first place I desire that my just debts and funeral charges be paid which I desire that my Executors and Exors hereinafter named sell as much of the movable estate and stock as they shall see proper to satisfy my debts and funeral charges as before mentioned.

My Daughter Margaret she not behaving her self as a dutiful child ought to do I give her Ten shillings Povey and no more.

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth one side saddle and bridle and one mare called Matborough and her cart harness and all the rest of my estate Real and Personal I lend to her during her life time or widowhood.

I give to my daughter Mary Ten pounds Povey - money -

I will that after the decease or widowhood of my wife I give and bequeath unto my son William all the rest of my estate real and Personal lands and ornaments to him and his heirs forever but in case he should die before he comes of age or having any long time issues then my estate above mentioned to be disposed of as follows. The three old negroes Named Tony, Prince and Kana to be sold at Public vendue and the money arising from such sale be equally divided between my three grand children namely Alis Arter, Nancy Arter and Hannah Arter and also three young negro girls One called Hannah to Alis Arter One called Tommy to Nancy Arter and one called James to Hannah Arter and one negro boy called Sam I give unto my grand daughter Mary Lawson and the land and the Plantation wherison I now live I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Hannah Arter and after the above legacies all the part of the remainder part of my estate to be equally divided between my three grand children above named Alis Arter Nancy Arter and Hannah Arter and also I will and desire that my son William be under the direction of his mother till he comes of age in case she should die before he comes of age it is my will that Benjamin Russell and Jane his wife take him into their care till he comes of age but in case they both die leave him to Agnes Russell as above said and it is my will that of which the above named persons he falls in case of give him sufficient schooling out of the interest of the estate.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Executors and my trusty friend Benjamin Russell Executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all other former wills Bonds Legacies grants or promises whatsoever by me made ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty nine

Signed, sealed and pronounced
in the presence of us

Samuel Smith

Nicholas Farmer

Cadner Corwell

North Carolina

John Smith

James Durham Seal

Aug Term 1769 - then was this will

forborn in open Court in due form of law by Nicholas Farmer, Cadner Corwell subscribing witnesses and recorded in the Clerks Office of said City

John Paul Clerk

Emanuel Dees's Will

In the name of God Amen, the 20th day of January 1770 -

I Emanuel Dees of the County of Johnston in the Province of North Carolina being sick of body but of perfect memory thanks be to God and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this life do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament hereby disannulling all others heretofore by me made either by word or writing and this is only to be read in manner and form following, that is to say first giving up my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named

I land the manner house and half the orchard and clew ground to my well beloved wife Elizabeth during her life

I give and bequeath to my loving son Daniel my plantation with all my land

I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Dorsey Dees two pounds

I give and bequeath to my beloved son David Dees forty shillings

I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Hannah Benton ten shillings

I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Precilla Hatcher ten shillings

I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Susan being two cows and calves and my will and desire is that all my just debts and all the just debts that shee being my son in law is indebted to John Smith make and to Samuel Smith his brother be paid and satisfy out of the money now in my house and live wise all my funeral expenses and the remainder part if any to the use of my wife and son Daniel.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved grand daughter Abil Hatcher one quarter of an acre of land

I give to my loving friend Robert Hatcher five shillings

I land all the remainder part of my estate to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Dees during her life and after her decease to be equally divided between

my well beloved son Daniel and my well beloved daughter Susanah being except
Negro child which I desire to be at her disposal either before or at her death and I
hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved son Daniel Dea to be my sole ex-
ecutor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal the day and year first mentioned.

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In Witness of us

Wm R. B. Bryan

John R. B. Bryan

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Emanuel Dea Seal

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There was this will proven in due form of Law in
open Court by the oaths of Redham Bryan & John James
two of the witnesses subscribers hereto Test John R. B. Clerk

William Watson's Will

I William Watson of Johnston County and province of North Carolina and parish of
St Stephen being weak and sick but of perfect mind and memory sheweth to God
for the same calling to mind that it is once appointed for all men once to die
I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to the earth to be buried
or interred according to the direction of my Will To come I shall appoint hereafter

I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas Watson my new Suit of clothes Coat, jacket
& breeches my hat and silver cups

I will and bequeath to my brother James Watson a blue coat and a red jacket

I will and bequeath to my dear mother a red stuffer yawking

I will and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Elizabeth Watson my riding
horse saddle and saddle and one young horse and all my cattle and hogs
only them that is fit for sale

I will and bequeath to my child that my wife is big of if it a boy to be called
William after my name all my land for ever or if it is a girl for it to
inherit the same in the same manner only my wife to live on it all the
child comes at age boy or girl and all the rest of my personal estate
after my funeral expenses and just debts is paid all the rest of my estate
that is left to my wife hogs and cattle and all my house hold goods to
be equally divided between my wife and child only the hogs and cattle that
is fit for sale and further if my child should not live be it male or female
then my land I will and leave and bequeath to my brother John Watson and his
heirs forever I will and bequeath my dear beloved wife Elizabeth Watson my whole
and sole Executor along with my son Daniel James Watson as witnesses my hand
this 3rd day of September 1764

John Watson

Mary Watson

John Watson

William Watson Seal

Robert West's Will

In the name of God Amen I Robert West of the County of Johnston and
State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but sheweth to God of
sound and perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for
all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and testament in
manner and form following To wit I give and recommend my soul to God
who gave it trusting in his mercies and in the merits of my dear Redeemer
for remission of all my sins Desiring that my body may be disposed of
of in Christian burial and to such temporal estate as God hath blessed
me with I give and bequeath and dispose of in the following manner
I give and bequeath to my son James West Twenty shillings specie money
I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Esther Thomas One Horse Bridle, Saddle
I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jerusha Johnson one Cow & calf
I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Johnson one Cow and calf
I give and bequeath to my son in law Henry Johnson Eight head of cattle
six deep pewter plates two of my largest pewter Basins and one feather bed.
And my will is that the remainder of my house hold furniture and hogs
be equally divided between all my other children not yet named viz
Amy Joiner, Debby Johnson, Nathaniel West, Patience Maurice, I shall have
and I do hereby appoint my son in law Henry Johnson Executor of this my last
will and testament and I do hereby disavow all former wills by me
made declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. Signed
Sealed in the presence of

R. Rivers

John Paul

Henry Johnson

Deaf as Deaf

Robert West Seal

Edith Tipton's Will

In the name of God Amen I Edith Tipton of the State of North Carolina and County of
Johnston being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory
sheweth to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make and ordain this in-
strument to contain my last will and testament in manner and form following
I give and bequeath to my friend William Beard for his kindness to me in
my affliction the whole of my property let it consist of whatsoever nature
or kind it be with all my wearing apparel (except fifty Cents) to him
and his heirs forever

I give to William Beard my son in law Fifty Cents to him and his heirs forever
To wit I constitute and nominate and appoint my friend William Beard my
Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 4th day of August 1871 Edith Tipton Seal

Robert West Seal

Seal of North Carolina of Aug 1871
Johnston County I sheweth to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all once to die do make and ordain this in-
strument to contain my last will and testament in manner and form following