

(259) In the name of God, Amen —

Edward Whitty of Jones County, State of North Carolina being in perfect health prais'd be God, calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in the following manner & form, viz.

First — It is my desire that all my just debts & other necessary expenses be satisfied and paid —

Item — I lend unto my beloved Wife Dorothy Whitty during her natural life the whole of my property both real & personal, I also give her full power & authority to dispose of the same, as she shall think proper for her own use & benefit, but so as not to injure <sup>one</sup> of my Children more than another —

Item — I give & bequeath ~~the same~~ unto my beloved Daughter Anna Whitty now Anna Hand one Shilling Sterling, I having advanced herin less ready, to her, her Husb & Hsgns for use —

Item — I give & bequeath unto my eldest Son Charles Whitty the lands I purchased of John Grannard deceased, also one Cow & Calf, likewise the History of Ireland in four Volumes, also one young Horse or Mare to him, his Heirs or Assigns for ever —

Item — I give & bequeath unto my Son Lewis Whitty the lands I purchased from Thomas Cubanek, the Deed whereof in the name of the Esq, Com Co & Calf, one feather Bed & furniture, one young Horse or Mare, & one third part of all the Books remaining after what is already bequeathed, nor hereafter bequeathed in this Will, to him, his Heirs or Assigns for use —

Item — I give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph Whitty the lands call'd Clay Hill containing one hundred Acres there by a patent now in the Survey, also a Tenant now in the House for fifty Acres of Land living on the south side of Mill Creek, also one Cow & Calf, also one feather Bed & furniture, the best Horse or Mare that remains upon the plantation after the decease of my beloved Wife aforesaid, also the whole of the Stock of Sheep that are to be sown at the decease of my Wife aforesaid, also all my Magazines & any other Books or Books that are call'd his, also one Table the largest now in the House & one Case Bottles —

Item — I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sally Whitty the lands wherein Esther Ramsey now lives, also any Tenant in my name adjoining the aforesaid lands wherein said Esther Ramsey now lives, also two feather Beds & furniture, also a Cow, Calf & Calf, also the Books that have been call'd hers, also one third of all my Books not already bequeath'd, also one Cabinet, one round Tea Table & three Chairs the best in the house, also the largest looking Glass in the house, one Tin Tea Canteen, one large Iron Kettle, one Tea Kettle, one Chest now call'd hers, a Lemon & a woolen Thread, to her the said Sally Whitty, her Heirs & Assigns for use —

The residue or remaining part of my Property both Real & Personal whatever cost & where sent after the decease of my beloved Wife aforesaid, I leave to be equally divided among my surviving Children, if any of my aforesaid

surviving Children die in their marriage, I desire that the property of them 200<sup>00</sup> shall be equally divided among the rest of my aforesaid Children —

And I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my beloved Wife aforesaid sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament, & revoking all other former Wills or Wills, Legacies, Bequests & Executors by me before made or given, do ratify & confirm this to be my last Will & Testament —

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22.  
day of January 1801 —

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence  
of us — Test — Enock Troy — J<sup>t</sup>  
Stephen Williams  
of a<sup>t</sup> Troy, Seal —

State of N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina,

Jones County Court, February Term 1802 —  
That was the aforesaid last Will & Testament of Edw<sup>r</sup> Whitty deceased produced duly proved in open Court by the Oath of Enock Troy one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto agreeable to law & ordered to be recorded — At same time Mrs Dorothy Whitty the Executrix herein named qualified as such agreeable to law — Ordered that Letters Testamentary issued accordingly

A true Copy test — Wm — D<sup>r</sup> — Dame 66

In the name of God, Amen —

I Abraham Dudley, son<sup>r</sup> of Jones County am well in health & of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, but being mindful of mortality and the ease of my family, I make this my last Will & Testament revoking all other Wills will'd by me before — first of all I recommend my Soul to God that gave it, thanks be to God for the same, my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Wife & Executrix, & as for such worldly Goods as God hath bin pleased to bless me with, I dispose of the same as follows; first of all I desire that all my just Debts should be paid —

Also I lend to my well beloved Wife Ruth Dudley during her natural life Eastern part of my plantation from the fence that goes down through the plantation, before Hood & Paul Timber of my other land, & three Negroes named Dick, Chloe & Esther, and at the Death of my Wife, for the Negroes to be equally divided between my three Daughters Clary, Betsy & Ruth Dudley, to them, and their Heirs & Assigns for use —

Also I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Abraham Dudley my upper plantation & all my Land & own adjoining that plantation 8 Lands, and my pine Lands I own on Hunter's Creek, & one half of my salt Marsh Islands, & four Negroes call'd Frank, Peter, Sam & Jenny, & one Horse call'd Nelson, & one feather Bed & furniture, & one Table of iron call'd Aunt & Lucy, one young Steer three years old, & all the cattle as is call'd his

and one Silver Spoon, & one Cow & Lamb, & one Cow & one Ox, & one  
Hog, & the next to the biggest of my Guns, to him & his Heirs &  
Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath unto Jacob Dudley all my Lands & Plantation where  
I now live, & one hundred & fifty Acres of Land lying above Made's land  
adjoining Made's land, & one half of my Salt Marsh Islands, I four  
Stevens call'd Solomon, Nellie George & Daphne, & one Horse, & cattle  
Hornet, & two Yoke of Oxen call'd Lamb & Lion, & Buck & Brad, & one cow  
& Calf, or Yearling, & what Cattle is call'd his own, & one Cow & Lamb, & one  
Bed & Furniture, one Silver Spoon, two Guns, & one Plough & two narrow  
Oxen, & one Hoe, to him & his Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Fanny Fisher what  
Vigies she had in her Possession that I lent to her before named Ben &  
Masey, Simbo, Solomon & Martin, & what other Property I have given her  
before that she has in her Possession, to her & her Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Mary Dudley one young  
Mare call'd Nancy, & one feather Bed & Furniture, & one Cow & Calf, or pony  
& what Cattle she has call'd hers, & one Cow & Lamb, & one Silver Spoon, to  
her, & her Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Betsy Dudley one  
Horse colt named Lightfoot, & one Cow & Calf, or Yearling, & what Cattle  
that is call'd hers, & one Cow & Lamb, & one feather Bed & Furniture, &  
one Silver Spoon, to her & her Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Ruth Dudley one Mare  
call'd Spott, & one feather Bed & Furniture, & what Cattle that is call'd hers,  
& one Cow & Lamb, & one Silver Spoon, to her & her Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give & bequeath to my well beloved Grand Daughter Lucy Tolme one  
Negro Girl call'd Neddy, if Neddy Tolme should die without an Heir of  
her Body under Age, for the Purpose to return to my three Daughters, Mary  
Fisher, & Ruth Dudley, to them & their Heirs for ever —

I also give & bequeath to my well beloved Wife over Mare call'd Dove, one Horse  
call'd Dolphin, & all the remainder part of my Stock of all kinds, & all the re-  
mainder part of my Ploughs, Hors & narrow Ox, & my riding Chair, my Barts,  
& one feather Bed & Furniture, & all the remainder part of my Household  
furniture, to her & her Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also give to my three well beloved Daughters Mary, Betsy & Ruth Dudley  
all the remainder part of my Estates, that is not already will'd, (excepting) &  
for the said Estates to be kept together until my Daughters should come  
of Age or married, & as one comes of Age or married for them to draw  
that part out of the Estates, & the rest of them kept together until they come  
of Age or married, & if either of them should die under Age or not married  
without Heir of her Body, for the other two living ones to have her property, & if a  
second one should die in the same manner as afores mentioned, for her property  
to be equally divided between all my Children that is living, for each & every one and  
their Heirs & Assigns for ever —

Also my Will is this that my Executors should sell my Negro Tom, to be ex-  
ecuted out of the state, if it can't be done to sell as far out of this Settlement as possible  
and for the Money arising from the sale of the said Negro to be for my three  
Daughters Mary, Betsy & Ruth Dudley, for them & their Heirs & Assigns for ever —  
as also to my two Sons Abraham & Jacob Dudley all the remainder part of

my Tools of all Sorts that is not already mentioned, to be equally divided be-  
tween them two, to them & their Heirs & Assigns for ever — Also my Will  
and desire is, that my three Daughters should have the privilege of putting their  
creatures on the Salt Marsh Islands while they live single —

I also give to my three Daughters Mary, Betsy & Ruth Dudley half of a Lot in  
Swansborough that Thomas Dudley & I bought together, to be sold by my Executors, or  
kept for them, just which they may think best, to them & their Heirs & Assigns for ever —

I also constitute & appoint my two Sons Abraham, Jacob Dudley & Benjamin  
Bishop Executors to this my last Will & Testament — In witness whereof  
I, John May, —

P. S. — Richd. Roberts, State of N. Carolina, Jones County Court, May Term  
1802.

There was the aforesaid last Will & Testament of Abraham Dudley, Esq. recd.  
duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Richd. Roberts one of the subscribing  
Witnesses thereto agreeably to Law & ordered to be recorded — at sometime  
Abraham Dudley & Jacob Dudley two of the Executors herein named quæstion  
as well as agreeable to Law, — Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue  
accordingly —

Attest — Wm. Orme Esq.

A true Copy from the Original in the Clerk's Office of Jones  
County — Attest — Wm. Orme Esq.

In the name of God, Amen — the second day of March,

in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & Two in  
the County of Jones & State of N. Carolina I Charles May of the  
County & State aforesaid do make this my last Will & Testament  
being very sick & weak of body but of a perfect mind I remem-  
ber my thanks to God for the same. I calling to mind the mor-  
tality of my Body & knowing that I am appointed for all  
things to do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament

That is to say principally & first of all I give, & recom-  
mend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & to be de-  
cently buried at the discretion of my Executors that I may here-  
after appoint — first of all for my just Debts to be paid

Item — I give to my Brother John May one half of all my  
Lands where I now live to him & his Heirs & Assigns forever —

Item — I give to my Brother Thomas May the other half of  
my Land wherein I now live to him & his Heirs & Assigns for ever —

Item — I give to my Brother Absalom May five Shillings, as Witness  
my hand & Seal the day & date above written — I do appoint  
my Brother John May my Executor to this my last Will Charles May