

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 therin named quæcunq;  
as and 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 Witney

my hand & Seal the day & date above written — I do appoint  
my Brother John May my Executor to this my last Will Charles May

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Then was the within last Will & Testament of Charles May late  
duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Joseph Hill one of the  
subscribing Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be recorded —

Attest J<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Orme 66

State of N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina. — In the name of God Amen  
I William Lavender of Jones County & State aforesaid planter being  
weak in Body but of perfect sound mind & memory blessed be  
God, do therefore this Eleventh day of October in the Year of our  
Lord 1802 make & publish this my last Will & Testament in  
manner & form following, viz —

First — I give unto my beloved Wife Hannah Lavender my  
Bay Mare & four Cows with Calf, Ten year old Hogs & four  
small hawks two hawks & Twenty Six Barrels of Corn, also I give  
unto my Wife 1 Bed & furniture steadd & Cord to her & her  
Hire for ever —

Item — I also bind unto my beloved Wife Hannah Lavender  
all my land which I now have or during her natural life,  
then I give the same to my son John Lavender after the death  
of my said Wife to him his Hires & Expences for ever —

Item — also I bind unto my beloved Wife all the rest of my  
house hold & Kitchen furniture which is not given away until  
my son John Lavender arrives to the age of Twenty One, then  
the same to be sold & the money to be equally divided between  
all my Children except Lavin, who I have already made provi-  
sion for —

Item — Also my Will I desire is that all the rest of my  
property not mentioned shall be sold to enable my Executors  
to pay my just Debts, if any overplus after paying my  
Debts the same to be made use of as above mentioned amongst  
my Children —

I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my friend James Green  
my Executor to this my last Will & Testament, hereby disannulling  
all others by me hitherto made — In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my Hand & Seal the day & year first written

Signed sealed published & declared for this his W<sup>m</sup> Lavender Esq<sup>r</sup>  
last Will Testament in presence of us who have hereunto set our names  
as Witnesses — W<sup>m</sup> Tippet, John Green & Danl. Lavender —

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

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Jones County Court November Term 1802 —  
The aforesaid last Will & Testament of William Lavender dec'd.  
was duly exhibited in open Court Proved by the Oaths of John  
Green & Danl. Lavender two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto  
Ordered to be Recorded — At the same time James Green  
the Executor thereto named Qualified as such & ready to take  
Order that Letters Testimonial issue accordingly —

Attest J<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Orme 66

A true Copy from the Original in the Clerk's Office  
of Jones County — Attest W<sup>m</sup> Orme 66

In the Name of God, Amen —

I John Simmons of Jones County N<sup>o</sup>. State of N<sup>o</sup>. Carolina —  
long of a low state of Health but of Good & perfect memory under  
a sense of the unmercifulness of God & the mortality of Man do this 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 1802 make & establish this my last Will & Testament  
in manner following —

Item — I give I bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth three  
Pigroes Toney, Rana & Robin, two horses Sheep & Hams, one Yoke  
of Oxen & Cart, one team & Harness, two ploughs two Hocks, two Pairs Iron  
Braces, two Axes two Hoes One Grand Axe, One smeding Chair & Harness,  
two Whals a Cowmen & Woolen, one hand Mill & Hogshead half Pecks  
Oak Barrels Twenty pounds in Cash all the stock of Bes Fifty Barrels  
of Corn One third of my Peas One fourth of the Smaller half of my  
Hogs, four Cows & Calves, all of my Sheep One Equitable third part  
of my House hold & Kitchen Furniture to her & her Hires & Expences  
I also lend to my beloved Wife during her natural life One third  
part of my Plantation including the houses with the privilege of  
Work & timber for the same —

I also lend her during her widowhood two Pigroes Girls Viz  
Chloe & Clarry

Item — I give I bequeath unto my daughter Polly Simmons One  
Woman's Saddle —

Item — It is my Will I desire that all my lands be equally  
divided between my Sons as they arrive of Lawful Age, I for that  
purpose I do bequeath my lands to them & I have for ever —

Item — Further it my Will I desire that all the rest residue &  
remainder of my Estate, (with the two Girls Chloe & Clarry after  
the Marriage of my Wife) be equally divided between my Children  
both Sons & Daughters as they arrive of Lawful Age or marry  
And lastly it is my Will & for purpose I do ordain & constitute I appoint  
Turn Over