

Will my Wife in law to my son Nathaniel State both
what he gets by his wife & what I give him of and debent
to him to his P. Nathaniel Widow Ann Johnston & to her
King for ever. - I Witness whereof I have acknowledged in
presence of us his 18th April 1808

Samy Shew Andrew & Coe
mark

State of N. Carolina
Gony County Court May Term 1808

Then Do the Within & foregoing Will of Jacob Johnston
Esq. duly proved in open Court by the Subscribing
Witnesses & the necessary part by Samy Shew & Andrew
Coe & ordered to be recorded. Witness
Attest My hand & Seal

A true Copy from the Original
Filed in the Office of the Clerk
Attest My hand & Seal

State of N. Carolina
Gony County

Personally appeared Liza Medding & made oath of following
That Wilkes Medding Called on her October 27th to Witness her last
Will & she gave her property of & gave first the five her Slave &
Cattle Cows Hogs & household furniture plantations tools one small Bunk
With all the rest of her property to her only pretty young Rubens &
Jaron her five children that then lived with her to be used & disposed
of as her daughter Emily thinks proper for the use and support of
herself & the rest of the children above mentioned -
Gonce My P. October 8th 1808

Liza & Medding
mark

State of N. Carolina

Gony County Court November Term 1809
Then was the above due acknowledged in open Court and
ordered to be recorded. -
Attest My hand & Seal

Attest My hand & Seal

In the Name of God Amen

I Edward Starkey of Onslow County but
this time in Gony County in North Carolina being sensible of the
uncertainty of Death & the uncertainty of the time & manner of it & in order
to prevent disputes that might arise with regard to the distribution
of the small property the most merciful God has been pleased to bestow
upon me do make this my last Will & Testament.

Item After all my just & lawful debts being first paid I give & bequeath
By following

Item I give & bequeath unto Catharine Starkey daughter of John Starkey
Esquire of Newbern one full lot of ground in the Town of Newbern
joining Edward Graham Esquire with the improvements thereon to her
and her heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my aunt Elizabeth Hagler one Negro
Woman named Philina & her Child named Major to her & her
heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Peggy May daughter of Nicholas A.
May two Negro Women named Grace & Moll to her & her
heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Son of John
Starkey deceased two plantations situated in Onslow County known
as by the Great quarter and trouble fields with all the lands
appertaining unto them together with all the Negroes belonging
to said two plantations & this are at this time as also all the
live stock of every description plantations tools of every kind to
him & his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto William Starkey Son of Joseph Starkey
Esquire two Negroes following one named & known by Old Shamus
the other by Blacksmith Abram to him & his heirs and assigns
for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my good friend Joseph Mills Esquire
my horse Surcouant, Bridle & Saddle to him & his heirs and
assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my good friend William Ferris Esq.
my schooner Cepel named Catharine with all her appurtenances
belonging or any wise appertaining to him his heirs and assigns
for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my aunt Alice Starkey Widow of
my late uncle John twenty dollars for the support & support
of being equally divided between her & her Children share and
share alike to them & their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey young son of H. H. Starkey
Esquire of Onslow County two plantations in Onslow County one
known by my hammock plantation in Deeping Wells place &
all my lands adjoining same again appertaining to him
and his heirs forever.

Wills, With all the improvements thereunto belonging & in any way appertaining With all & every one of my Negroes living on said land only such as I give their freedom to by my will, with & together With my share of her stock (one Barn Shearer & six Cows & Cows calves) and my other movable things to belonging as also one other plantation called Duxley & the land of mine of every kind appertaining said plantation With all & every one of the Negroes belonging to working on said land that is not otherwise disposed of her stock of all kinds & all movable property of every description also all the penny lands in said County where in it lay also one lot in the town of Saratoborough whereon Christopher Duxley Stone Barn now stands to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Jones son of Nelly Jones of Boston County all the Plantations & part of Land in Jones County whereon I now live together with all the Negroes belonging or living on said plantation that is not otherwise given away with the live stock of every description whatever & all plantation & belongs to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item It is my Will & my most ardent wish & desire that the following Negroes (viz) one Negro man Affa his wife Sarah & their youngest daughter Franky together with one old woman named Pleasant & her daughter Rachel & Rachel's child Solomon one old woman named Nanny & one man whose name David be set free & I do in the most strictest manner request & require my executors hereafter named to fulfill & complete this my request by setting them at full liberty & that they & each of them is to enjoy full & clear ample freedom for & during their natural lives & their increase for ever. And for their better maintenance & support while enjoying the blessing of freedom I give unto Affa Sarah & Franky during the life time of Affa & Sarah a sufficient quantity of ground or Wells field for them to occupy also I give them forever six Cows & Calves & one Barn named Shearer & are to live under the care & kind treatment of good usage of Edward Starkey Jones who I am pleased to give the bulk of my property both real & personal & the above said Pleasant Rachel Solomon Nanny and David has ample love & good right by this my last Will and Testament to live on to occupy & enjoy so much of my Land in the old place which otherwise known by the name of the family burying ground for and during their natural lives observing to make no work whatever only for their plantation and I do most solemnly charge & require my good friends named in this my last Will to pay to them for colored people claim attention so that should they or either of them find any support that they may receive it by their ample funds for their necessary support & maintenance & I know it it would be in opposition to my feelings to know that those poor people should be wanting the necessities of this life & not obtain it.

Item I give & devise unto Edward Starkey Jones son of Edward Starkey the place Land containing six hundred acres be the same more or less known by the name of the same lying in Barlow County to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Jones son of Nelly Jones all & every one of my Negroes following that they not already been given away to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Nelly Jones Children the following Negroes Saffy & her four children to be equally divided between Ann Hyack, Nelly Emanuel, Nicholas Hunter, & Catharine Starkey share & share alike to them & their heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Jones son of Nelly Jones all the remainder part of my Estate both real & personal that has not before in this my last Will & Testament been given away including all my House hold goods & furniture of every description and hence withdrawn to him & his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item It is my Will & desire that no part of my House hold goods and furniture shall be sold at auction or otherwise under any future condition as there will be no necessity for selling any part of my Estate for the payments of my just debts as the present & coming Crop of Corn &c. will be ample sufficient to discharge all my just debts.

Item As there may (God forbid them should) bring forward after my death an old will by me formerly made such will or any other that may be brought forward for probate after I depart this life except this present one I do disavow deny & revoke to all intents & purposes & only acknowledge accept & recognize this my last Will & Testament by me made & done. It is my Will & desire that the Negroes belonging to each plantation of before expressed live & continue on the plantation & work under overseers to be appointed over them from time to time until Edward Starkey Jones & Edward Starkey Jones shall come to the full age of twenty one years & then take possession of their Estates both real & personal & the occupancy remaining after a sufficient for the support of the plantation, to go towards the schooling & support of the said boys to wit. Edward Starkey Jones and Edward Starkey Jones.

In Consideration of the good opinions I bear & have for William Herron & Nelly Jones executors of Boston County I do make constitute & appoint ^{them} my true and lawful Executors, to act up to & comply and fulfill my this last Will & Testament in every direction whatever that is mentioned herein.

In Confirmation of this being my last Will and Testament I sign my Name this 5th day of November in the year of our Lord and Christ one thousand eight hundred and

Shewar, - Signed sealed & delivered as his last will & Testament in presence of us,
Samuel Davis
Richard Hunter
Edw. Starkey

State of S. Carolina

Sony County Court February Term 1808
Then was the last Will and Testament of Edward Hardie
duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Samuel Dyer
and Richard Hunter the subscribing witnesses thereto & Order
to be Recorded, at same time William Ferris & Hilby Jones
exors of said County the executors therein named qualified
by such agreeable to Law Order that letters Testamentary
issue accordingly.

Witness A. Bryan Clk

A true Copy from the original
filed in the books office of Sony
County Attest A. Bryan Clk

In the name of God Amen —
I Marmaduke Cox of the County of Sony & State of S.C.
being sick in body but of sound mind & memory
thanks be to God, calling to mind the mortality of my
Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following — that is to say —
First of all I give & bequeath my Soul in to the hands of
Almighty God that gave it me & my Body to be buried
after a decent Christian manner nothing doubting but
shall revive the same again through the mighty power of
God and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased
God to bless me with I give & bequeath the same in man-
ner & form following —

First of all I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife
Mary Cox one Bed & Bedstead & furniture one Saw & pig's
two Stacks of Oats & all my Crops consisting of Corn fodder
and potatoes and all my pork on the Hog, that I expect
to kill this season to her her heirs executors and assigns
for ever — I further give & bequeath unto my son the
Arnold Cox all my land that I did possess of
and one shot gun & ten pounds in money to him his
heirs executors and assigns for ever. — I further give &
bequeath unto my daughter Victory Perry to her her
heirs executors and assigns for ever. My Will & desire
further is that after all my just debts are paid that the

remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my wife
and all my children —
And lastly I nominate & ordain constitute & appoint my
son William Arnold Cox & my friend Raro Perry Clerk
to this my last will & Testament — In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7th day of
November 1808 —

In presence of —

Bunth & Cox
marks

Abner — Cox
marks

Marmaduke Cox
marks

State of S. Carolina
Sony County Court 2 Nov. Term 1808
Then was the last Will & Testament of Marmaduke Cox
duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Abner Cox one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at same time William
Cox one of the Exors therein named qualified as such
agreeable to Law Order that letters Testamentary issue
accordingly —

A true copy from the original filed in the
Clerks office of Sony County

Attest A. Bryan Clk