

Thy my only last Will Testament in Witness Whereunto
 I set my hand & affix my seal the day & Year first
 above written
 Signed sealed published & declared
 Before us — *J. R. & B. [Signature]*

John Ward
Amos Amey
 State of N. Carolina
 Jones County Court 2d July Term 1808
 Thus was the foregoing last Will & Testament of
 of John Bennett duly proved in open court by
 the oath of Amos Amey one of the subscribing
 Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded
At test *Copy*
test W. B. [Signature]

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

Item, After all my just & lawful debts being first paid I give
 and bequeath as follows —

Item I give & bequeath unto Catharine Starkey daughter of John
 Starkey one quarter of a hundred one full lot of ground in the
 Town of Newbern joining Edward Graham Esq. with the
 Improvements thereon to her & her heirs and assigns
 forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my aunt Elizabeth Hopkin one
 negro woman named Phelina & her child named Major
 to her & her heirs & assigns forever —

Item I give & bequeath unto Peggy [Signature] daughter of Nicholas
 A. May two negro women named Grace & Mall to her
 and her heirs and assigns forever —

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Item, I give and bequeath unto Edward Starkey Son of John
 Starkey deceased two plantations situated in Onslow County known
 by the name of quarter and fourth fields with all the land appurte-
 nant unto them together with all the negroes belonging to said two
 plantations if they are at this time of age all his live stock of
 every description plantation tools of every kind to him & his heirs
 and assigns forever —

Item, I give and bequeath unto William Starkey Will son of John
 Starkey deceased two negro fellows one named & known by
 Old Abram the other by Blacksmith Abram to him & his heirs
 and assigns forever —

Item, I give & bequeath unto my good friend Joseph Will Esq.
 my horse Scurrow Bristle and saddle to him and his
 heirs & assigns forever —

Item, I give & bequeath unto my good friend Williams Terrance
 one of my Schooner Viper named Catharine with all her
 appurtenances to her belonging or otherwise appurtening to him
 his heirs & assigns forever —

Item, I give & bequeath unto my aunt Anne Starkey widow
 of my late uncle John twenty ^{dollars} for the express
 purpose of being equally divided ^{among} for & her children and
 grand children share & share alike to them and their
 heirs forever —

Item, I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey son of John
 Jones one quarter of Onslow County two plantations in Onslow
 County one known by the name of [Signature] plantations including
 both plain & all my lands adjoining thereto with all the
 Improvements thereunto belonging to him or any wise appurtening
 with all & every one of my negroes on said land only such
 as give their freedom to, only excepted with & together with
 very spirit of live stock (one horse Scurrow & his cart &
 being excepted) & every other movable furniture belonging ap-
 also one other plantation called Duddley & the lands of mine
 of every kind adjoining said plantations with all and
 every one of the negroes ^{belonging} on working on said land that is not
 otherwise disposed of live stock of all kinds and all mov-
 able property of every description also all my prime land
 in said County wherever it lies also one lot in the Town
 of Swanborough whereon Christopher Duddley Son of John
 now stands to him & his heirs & assigns forever —

Item, I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Son of John
 Jones one quarter of Onslow County all the plantation & tract
 of land in Jones County whereon I now live together with
 all

all the Negroes belonging or living on said plantation that
is not otherwise given away with the live stock of any description
whatsoever and plantation utensils to him and his heirs and
assigns forever.

Samuel Davis
Richarda Davis

Edw. Starkey

Item, It is my will & my most ardent desire and desire
that the following Negroes (to wit) one Negro man called
his wife Suck & her youngest daughter Franky together
with with one black woman named Pleasant & her daughter
Rachel & Rachel's child Solomon one black woman named Mary
& one man slave named David be set free & I do in the
most strict manner request & require my Executors here-
after mentioned to fulfill & comply with 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 heirs forever & for their better
maintenance and support while enjoying the blessing
of freedom I give unto said Suck & Franky during the
lifetime of said Suck a sufficient quantity of ground
on both sides for them to occupy also I give them four
cow six cows & calves & one horse named Swiper and
are to live under the care & kind treatment and good
usage of Edward Starkey Sonz who I am pleased to give
the bulk of my property both real & personal, and
the aforesaid Pleasant Rachel Solomon Mary & David
has ample leave & good right by this my last will &
testament to live on to occupy and enjoy so much of
my land in the old place near otherwise known by
the name of the Family burying ground for and
during their natural lives observing to make no want
whatsoever only for their plantations use & I do most
solemnly charge & require my executors named in
this my last will to pay to them four coloured people
clear attention so that should they or either of them
need any support that they may receive it as I have
ample funds for their necessary support and maintenance.

= me, and could I know it - it would be mortifying to me
= feeling to know that these poor people should be wanting
the necessities of this life and obtain it.

Item, I give & devise unto Edward Starkey Sonz son of aforesaid
my old place lands containing six hundred acres be the same
more or less known by the name of the same thing in Charles
County to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Sonz son of
Kilby Sonz all the remaining part of my Estate both
real & personal that has not before in this my last will
and Testament been given away including all my house
hold goods & furniture of every description & kind whatsoever
to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

Item It is my will and desire that no part of my household
goods & furniture shall be sold at vendue or otherwise
unless any balance whatever.

as there will be no necessity for selling any part of my
estate for the payment of my just debts - as the present
and ensuing crops of corn &c. will be ample sufficient
to discharge all my just debts.

Item, as there may (God forbid they should) being forward after
my death an old will by me formerly made said title
or any other that may be brought forward for probate
after I depart this life (except this present one) I do
disavow deny and revoke to all intents & purposes
and only acknowledge accept and recognize this my
last will & Testament by me made & done.

It is my will & desire that Negroes belonging to said planter
as before copyied her & continues on the plantations and
work under overseers to be appointed over them from year
to year until Edward Starkey Franky & Edward Starkey
Sonz shall arrive to the full age of twenty one years &
then take possession of their Estate both real and personal
= al. and the overplus remaining after a sufficiency for
the support of the plantations to go towards the schooling
& support of the said boys to wit Edward Starkey
Franky & Edward Starkey Sonz.

In Consideration of the good opinion I have and have for
William Furrard and Kilby Sonz exequys of our land
County.

all the Negroes belonging or living on said plantations that
 & not otherwise given away with the live stock of any description
 whatever and plantation utensils to him and his heirs and
 assigns forever.

Samuel Davis
 Antislavery Agent

Edw. Starkey

Now, It is my will & my most ardent desire and I desire
 that the following Negroes (to wit) one Negro man called
 his wife Suck & her youngest daughter Franky together
 with with one old woman named Pleasant & her daughter
 Rachel & Rachel's child Solomon one old woman named Mary
 & one more slave named David be set free & I do in the
 most strict manner request & require my Country here
 after mentioned to fulfill & complete this my request
 by setting them at full liberty & that they & each of them
 is to enjoy full & ample freedom, for & during their
 natural lives & their heirs forever & for their better
 maintenance and support while enjoying the blessing
 of freedom I give unto Suck & Franky during the
 life time of Suck a sufficient quantity of ground
 on Battle field for them to occupy also I give them for
 ever six cows & calves & one horse named Swaffer and
 are to live under the care & kind treatment and good
 usage of Edward Starkey Song who I am pleased to give
 the bulk of my property both real & personal, and
 the aforesaid Pleasant Rachel Solomon Mary & David
 has ample care & good regard by this my last will &
 testament to live on to occupy and enjoy so much of
 my land in the old place near otherwise known by
 the bluff near the Family burying ground for and
 during their natural lives observing to make no want
 whatever only for their plantations use & I do most
 solemn charge & require my good friends named in
 this my last will to pay to them five coloured people
 close attention so that should they or either of them
 recieve any support that they may receive as I have
 ample funds for their necessary support and maintenance.

= now, and could I know it - it would be mortifying to me
 = feeling to know that these poor people should be wanting
 the means of this life and obtain it.

Now, I give & devise unto Edward Starkey Song son of aforesaid
 my old place lands containing six hundred acre in the same
 more or less known by the bluff the same lying in Barlow
 County to him & his heirs forever.

Now I give & bequeath unto Edward Starkey Song son of
 Hilby Song all the remaining part of my Estate both
 real & personal that has not before in this my last will
 and Testament been given away including all my house
 hold goods & furniture of every description & kind whatever
 to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

Now It is my will and desire that no part of my household
 goods & furniture shall be sold at vendue or otherwise
 unless any balance whatever.

as there will be no means for selling any part of my
 estate for the payment of my just debts - as the present
 and ensuing crops of Corn &c will be ample sufficient
 to discharge all my just debts.

Now, as there may (God forbid they should) bring forward after
 my death an old Will by me formerly made said Will
 or any other that may be brought forward for probate
 after I depart this life (except this present one) I do
 disannul deny and revoke to all intents & purposes
 and only acknowledge accept and recognize this my
 last Will & Testament by me made & done.

It is my will & desire that Negroes belonging to said plantations
 as before assigned him & continues on the plantations and
 work under necessary to be appointed over them from year
 to year until Edward Starkey Franky & Edward Starkey
 Song shall arrive to the full age of twenty one years &
 then take possession of their Estate both real and personal
 = al. and the surplus remaining after a sufficiency for
 the support of the plantations to go towards the schooling
 & support of the said boys to wit Edward Starkey
 Franky & Edward Starkey Song.

In Consideration of the good opinion I have and have for
 William Ferrand and Hilby Song arguing of Barlow
 County.

County I do make constitute & appoint my lawful
 Sole Executors to act up to and comply and fulfill my
 this last Will and 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 and I and
 I am —

Signed sealed and delivered
 of his last Will and Testament

In the presence of us —

Samuel Davis

Richard Hunter

Edw. Hawkey (Clerk)

State of S. Carolina

Jones County Court February Term 1808

Then Was the foregoing last Will & Testament of Edward
 Hawkey deceased duly proved in open Court by the Oaths
 of Samuel Davis & Richard Hunter two of the subscribing
 Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. at same time
 William Ferrand & Hilby Jones the Executors therein
 named qualified as such agreeable to Law —

Ordered that letters testamentary issue accordingly

Attest W. Ferrand
 Hilby Jones

A true copy from the
 Original Will filed in the Clerks Office of
 Jones County

Attest W. Ferrand
 Hilby Jones

State of S. Carolina } At the Home of God Amen. 310.
 Jones County —

I James Hill of the County & State of South Carolina being weak in body
 but of perfect sound mind & memory blessed be God do this 23rd
 day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1808 make & bequeath
 this my last Will & testament in manner & form following (viz)

First I give unto my beloved Wife Sarah one third by the
 Name of Eliza & one more by the name of Peggy & this Cows and
 Graveling and all my Hogs two beds & furniture and all my House
 hold & Kitchen furniture & one Chest & three bar ploughs and
 two Steers & all my Sheep and all my Cows & meat & faddles
 and one pair iron trawp & all my plantation tools —

Item the land on which I live by the name of the Oaky Hill
 which I am at law for should it be obtained I bequeath it to
 my Wife until my Son Hardy comes of age to support my
 Children or this equally divide among all my Children —

Item all the rest of the residue of my Estate to be sold
 and to pay all my just debts —

I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my Wife Sarah Hill
 and Hardy Perry my Executors to this my last Will & testament
 hereby revoking and disannulling all other Wills by me heretofore
 made in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

Seal the day & Year first Written bearing

Signed sealed published declared by the testator
 in & of his last Will & testament in presence
 of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as

Witnesses James McDonald Senr

James McDonald Junr

Elizabeth X Lamm

make

State of S. Carolina

Jones County Court May Term 1808

Then Was the above last Will & Testament of James Hill deceased
 duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of James McDonald Senr and
 James McDonald Junr two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & same
 time Hardy Perry one of the Executors therein named qualified as such
 agreeable to Law — & ordered that the same be recorded

A true copy from the original filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County