

June Sessions 1848—

Rufus Milton Derr's will

Rufus Milton Derr, of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina: being of sound mind & memory, but considering my earthly existence to be very uncertain, do make and declare this my last will & testament, in manner and form following to wit: First, that my agent or executor hereafter named, shall provide for my body a burial suited to my Mother's wishes, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the first moneys coming into his hands, as agent of my estate. —

I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother, Mary A Derr for and during her natural term of life, my two negro girls, Eliza and Cinah, to work for & wait upon her Mary A Derr. — but not to be hired out of the the Derr family.

I further give and bequeath to my Brother Mary A Derr one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my agent or executor in five equal yearly payments, the last payment to be made within six years after the sale of my little estate. — I further will and bequeath to my Mother Mary A Derr all my corn & provisions on hand at my death.

After and from the death of my Mother Mary A Derr (in consequence of his misfortune, losing three of his negroes) in addition to his equal division with the rest of my heirs, I give and bequeath my negro girl Eliza and her person to my dear brother John A Derr.

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of my estate. —

I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother, Mary A. Dem-
for and during her natural term of life, my two negro
girls, Elory and Cinah, to work for & wait upon her
Mary A. Dem. — but not to be hired out of this, the Dem family.

I further give and bequeath to my Brother Mary A. Dem
one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my agent
or executor in five equal yearly payments, the last
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my little estate. — I further will and bequeath to my
Mother Mary A. Dem. all my corn & provisions on hand at my death.

After and from the death of my Mother Mary A. Dem.
(in consequence of his misfortune, losing three of his negroes)
in addition to his equal division with the rest of my
kins, I give and bequeath my negro girl Elory and
her progeny to my dearly beloved Brother Andrew J. Dem.
and if he die without children, the girl & offspring
to return to the Dem. family. I further give and
bequeath to Brother Andrew J. Dem. my medical

library and a saddle bags provided he be a physician
 or an attorney at Law. Otherwise the above library &
 Mr. Bage to be disposed of as my property not named.
 I give and bequeath as a token of respect to Miss
 Susan Sanders, my dear friend and faithful nurse
 during my illness, forty eight dollars to be paid
 to her in four equal yearly payments by my agent
 or executor, the last payment to be made five years
 after the date of my estate. Should said Susan
 Sanders die within the above specified time the
 residue of the money to be paid over to my heirs
 as other money &c. not herein specified particularly.
 In addition to my former bequests to my dear
 Mother, I give and bequeath to her Mary Adams
 my horse Taylor, or any other horse I may have
 at my death, also my saddle, blankets, bridles
 In consequence that Dinah may be near her
 Mother & remain in the Derr family, I desire that
 at the death of my Mother, my brother David Derr
 receive & keep my girl Dinah & offspring if any
 allowing to my estate for Dinah three hundred
 and fifty dollars for each child one hundred
 dollars, Dinah's valuation, to my brother David
 Derr, at three hundred & fifty dollars is to be made
 in settlement of my estate, and if his equal divi-
 sion with the other heirs, should not amount to the
 three hundred & fifty dollars, I direct that he pay

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In addition to my former bequests to my dear
Mother, I give and bequeath to her Mary Ann
my horse Taylor, or any other horse I may have
at my death, also my saddle, blankets, bridles
In consequence that Dinah may be near her
mother retained in the Derr family, I desire that
at the death of my mother, my brother Jonas Derr
receive share my girl Dinah & offspring if any
allowing to my estate for Dinah three hundred
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Derr: at three hundred & fifty dollars is to be made
in settlement of my estate and if his equal divi-
-sion with the other heirs, should not amount to the
three hundred & fifty dollars, I direct that he pay
back to the other heirs to make them equal -
After the former bequests shall have been made
I give and bequeath of the residue, an equal
division, to my brothers, Jonas Derr, Moses

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I further give and bequeath to my Mother Mary A Derr one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid by my agent or executor in five equal yearly payments, the last payment to be made within six years after the sale of my little estate. — I further will and bequeath to my Mother Mary A Derr all my corn & provisions on hand at my death.

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Mr. Bags to be disposed of as my property not named.
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Susan Sanders, my dear friend and faithful nurse
during my illness, forty eight dollars: to be paid
to her in four equal yearly payments by my agent
or executor. The last payment to be made five years
after the sale of my estate: should said Susan
Sanders die within the above specified time the
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as other money &c. not herein specified particularly.
In addition to my former bequests to my dear
Mother, I give and bequeath to her many other
my horse Taylor, or any other horse I may have
at my death, also my saddle, blankets, bridles
&c. In consequence that Dinah may be near her
mother & retained in the Dorr family, I desire that
at the death of my mother, my brother David Dorr
near & keep my girl Dinah & offspring if any
allowing to my estate for Dinah three hundred
and fifty dollars & for each child one hundred
dollars. Dinah's valuation, to my mother Jonas
Dorr: at three hundred & fifty dollars is to be made
in settlement of my estate and if his equal divi-
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three hundred & fifty dollars, I direct that he pay
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my horse Taylor, or any other horse I may have
at my death, also my saddle, blankets, bridles
&c. in consequence that Dinah may be near her
mother & remain in the Derr family, I desire that
at the death of my mother, my brother Jonas Derr
receive three my girl Dinah & offspring if any
allowing to my estate for Dinah three hundred
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three hundred & fifty dollars, I direct that he pay
back to the other heirs, to make them equal -
After the former bequests shall have been made
I give and bequeath of the residue, an equal
division, to my brother, Jonas Derr, Moses

A Derr, Andrew S Derr, and to my sisters, Sarah
 R. Boger, and Jane H. Lewis. Orphans to be
 valued to A W Derr as a part of this residue
 though at Mary A Derr's death.

In furtherance of Jeph's peace and happiness
 I will and direct him to be privately or publicly
 sold to a resident within twelve or fifteen miles
 of the Antanta Springs, that he may frequent
 his wife. But if the heirs can agree how take
 him and satisfy the rest; would be my preference
 I make and constitute my dearly beloved brother
 Moses A Derr, my lawful agent to execute the above
 will, and if illegal for an agent, I make and
 constitute him my lawful Executor to dispose of
 my estate as heretofore directed —

In the presence of God I acknowledge this to
 be my last will and testament: Signed
 with my hand sealed with my seal this
 26th February A.D. 1848.

Signed sealed in the presence of — Rufus M. Derr. (Seal)