

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Dawns of Mecklenburg County N^o Carolina, being in health & sound mind & memory thus the mercies of God and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I make this my last will & Testament I desire it to be received by all as such. — I Humbly bequeath my soul to God: my & Hake & my body to his Church from whence it was taken in full assurance of its Resurrection at the last day: I desire that my burial may be decent, and be managed at the discretion of my dear children who I doubt not will manage it with all Requisite prudence & My worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I desire may be disposed of after just debts & funeral expenses be paid as follows. — Then I Give & Bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Dawns the Tract of Land whereon we now live containing two hundred & one acres purchase of Henry Custace McCallish, likewise one other Tract joining containing fifty acres by Grant from George the third of Great Britain, I Bequeath the aforesaid lands to him the said Thomas Dawns his Heirs & assigns forever, likewise all my wearing apparel. — Then I Give & Bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Dawns the Tract of Land whereon he lives containing five hundred acres by Grant bearing date the Twenty third day of December one thousand seven hundred & sixty three likewise one other Tract containing one hundred & nineteen acres by Grant from the State bearing date the 28th day of August 1795. I Bequeath the aforesaid lands to him the said Samuel Dawns his Heirs & assigns forever & likewise one Rifle Gun which he hath now in possession. — Then I Give & Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Jane Robinson the following Household clothes whereon I Lye — — Then I Give & Bequeath to my beloved daughter Milly Brewster a Chest of Drawers which now stands at John Robinsons & likewise one blue & white covered which I have in possession. — All the remainder of my Estate in notes bond or account I desire may be recovered and Equally divided among my four children Jane Robinson, Thomas Dawns, Samuel Dawns & Milly Brewster I desire my Negro Wench Hannah may be sold & the money arising from the sale may be equally divided as above among my four children and as there is no more properly to do with making sale of I desire it may be given to my aforesaid Legatee as my Executors may think proper.

I Humbly beseech my soul to God:
my & Hakea & my body to the earth from whence it was taken in full
assurance of its Resurrection at the last day: I desire that my business
may be decent, kind & managed at the discretion of my dear children
who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence
My worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with
I desire may be disposed of after best ability & former expenses be
paid as follows:— Then I Give & bequeath to my beloved son Thos
Dawson the Tract of Land between our new lines containing two hundred
thirteen acres purchase of Henry Custee Atuluck, likewise one other
Tract joining containing fifty acres by Grant from George the third of
Great Britain, I bequeath the aforesaid Lands to him the said Thos
Dawson his Heirs & assigns forever, likewise all my wearing apparel
Then I Give & bequeath to my beloved son Samuel Dawson the Tract of Land
whereon he lies, containing five hundred acres by Grant bearing date
the Twenty third day of December one thousand seven hundred & sixty three
likewise one other Tract containing one hundred & nineteen acres by Grant
from the State bearing date the 28th day of August 1795. I bequeath the
aforesaid Lands to him the said Samuel Dawson his Heirs & assigns forever
I likewise one Rifle Gun which he hath now in possession
Then I Give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Jane Robinson the 1st then the
second children whereon I live— Then I Give & bequeath to my beloved daughter
Milly Bristol a Chest of Drawers which now stands at John Robinson
sons & likewise one blue & white covered, which I have in possession
All the remainder of my Estate in notes Bond or Account I desire
may be recovered and equally divided among my four children
Jane Robinson, Thomas Dawson, Samuel Dawson & Milly Bristol I
desire my Negro Wench Hannah may be sold & the money arising
from the sale may be equally divided as above among my four children
and as there is no more property worth making sale of I desire it may
be given away by my aforesaid Legatee as my Executors may think proper
and I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved sons Thomas Dawson, Samuel Dawson & John Robinson as my Executors to this my last Will & Testament, to be done
in my hand & Seal this twelfth day of August 1797
Signed sealed in presence of
Phillip Johnson & George Brown Henry Dawson