

1167 I James Dickinson of the County of Middlebury, State of Vermont
being advanced in years & on the decline of life, but thro' the mercy of Almighty
God I enjoy the use of my reasoning powers, and calling to mind the mortality
of man, & wishing my last will & testament in manner & form as follows
viz. That I leave to my beloved wife Polly Dickinson during her natural
life thirteen negroes viz Warren, Rachel, George, baby, Jim, Robin
Eliza & Maria children viz William, Mary, Harriet & Annam, Amabel
& John the eldest Smith, my best waggon, two new & three much worn
tools, out of my store, twenty head of Cattle (large & small) twenty
head of sheep & thirty head of Stock hogs, & as much of the stock crop & provision
on hand as will be fully sufficient for the decent support of herself & family
for one year, also one fourth part of my Library of Books such as she may
choose, together with so much of the household & kitchen furniture, farm
ing tools, Smith tools, as she may think proper to keep for the use of herself
& family, also the care of the plantation whereon I now live, till for the
term of her natural life, also engaged planting & raising except such
part of the plantation as shall hereafter be disposed of.

I give & bequeath to my son David Dickinson all that tract of land
I purchased from Adam Thunders, Lane, Thunders & Henry of Haverhill, whereon
the said Thunders now live, containing about four hundred & twenty acres
together with all the negroes & other property he has received from me and
now in the possession of, together with my negro woman Phillis & her son
increase to him & his heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Louisa Dickinson all the negroes and
other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together
with my negro boy Remstead to her & her heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Branch all the negroes & all
other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together
with my negro girl Ann to her & her heirs forever.

I give & bequeath to my son Reuben Dickinson all that tract of land
I purchased from William Barton lying on both sides of that creek
containing about four hundred & seventy acres, together with five neg-
roes Hercules, Hinda, Cary, Joe & Sarah, my gray horse Billy, my youngest
mule, one good saddle & bridle, my plain silver watch, one fourth part
all my books, one bed & furniture, two cows & calves, two sows & pigs, ex-
cept of farming tools such as can be made in my shop, sufficient for the

...and wife Peggy Denkins church, her n
... Shiloh My Warren, Nachel, George, Calcy, Jim, Ne
... Smith, my best Waggon, two new Trucks, Tram
... head of sheep & Thirty head of stock hogs, & as much of the stock crop & Tram
... as will be helping sufficient for the decent support of herself & family
... for enough, also conform part of my Library of Books such as she may
... where, together with so much of the household & children, in new farm
... my tools, Smith tools, as she may think proper to keep for the use of herself
... & family, also the care of the plantation where on I was living, all for the
... form of her natural life, also enough planning & arranging except such
... part of late plantation as shall rise for as proper as she may think proper to keep for the use of herself
... to give & bequeath to my children Denkins all that I have acquired of late
... I received from Adam Denkins, James Denkins & my children, where
... the small house now being entirely about one hundred & fourty acres
... together with all the negroes & other property he has received from me and
... now in the possession of, together with my negro house in Smith plantation
... increase to him & his Heirs, where
... to give & bequeath to my children Denkins all the negroes and
... other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together
... with my negro boy Arnstead to her & his Heirs forever —
... to give & bequeath to my daughter Jessie Brown all the negroes & all
... other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together
... with my negro girl Ann to her & his Heirs forever —
... to give & bequeath to my son Reaper H. Denkins all that tract of land
... containing about two hundred & seventy acres, together with five negro
... boys, one girl Ann & her children, my young horse Billy, my youngest boy
... books, one bed & wardrobe, two low & high, two draw & high, en
... enough tools, such as can be made in my shop, sufficient for the
... house to work with, together with five hundred & all the other
... raised on it of my late not otherwise appropriated to him & his
... my daughter Louisa during her natural life eight negroes
... one girl Ann, James, Harry, Deborah, Billy, Leah & Maria.

... my beloved wife Mary ...
... my negro Wig ... Rachel, George, Cal, John, Hannah, William, Elizabeth, My ...
... my best Waggon, two new horses, my ...
... my head of cattle (large & small), family ...
... as much of the stock brood & moving ...
... also one fourth part of my library of books such as she may ...
... together with so much of the new hats, & children, in ...
... tools, smith tools, as she may think proper to keep for the use of herself ...
... also the care of the plantation when on my ...
... part of the plantation as shall now be in dispossession of ...
... I give & bequeath to my son James all that tract of land ...
... the said James now living, about five hundred & fourty acres ...
... together with all the negroes & other property he has received from me and ...
... now in the possession of, to James & children all the negroes and ...
... increase to him & his Heirs forever ...
... I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah all that tract of land ...
... other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together ...
... with my negro boy Samuel to her & her Heirs forever ...
... I give & bequeath to my son Respect all that tract of land ...
... other property she has received from me & now in the possession of, together ...
... I have received from William Barton lying on both sides of that tract of land ...
... containing about five hundred & seventy acres, to set her with five negroes ...
... My Heracles, Hind, Cary, Joe & Sarah, my plains black horses, one fourth part ...
... my head of cattle & small, my plains black horses, one fourth part ...
... all my books, one bed & furniture, two loaves & cloves, two sews & pigs, & ...
... set of farming tools such as can be made in my shop, sufficient for ...
... be she to be raised out of my estate not otherwise appropriated to him ...
... I have to my daughter Lucinda during her natural life eight negroes ...
... & her five children, James, Heads, Daphney, Will, Leah & Mary