

James as witness

Andrew McLean

James McLeary

John Barnett

Joseph J. Darnell



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In the name of God Amen. I James Darnell of the County  
of Northumberland & State of N<sup>o</sup> Carolina, being very sick & weak  
in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto  
God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing  
that it is appointed unto all men here to die: Do make this  
& obtain this my last will & testament, that is to say first  
& chiefly & first of all, I give & recommend my soul unto God  
that gave it, my body I recommend to the earth to be buried  
in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of Executors  
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall  
receive the same again by the mighty power of God—  
And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has  
pleas'd God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose  
of the same in the following manner & form— first I give  
& bequeath to my lawful & only beloved wife Jenny Darnell for  
Love & good will & affection I have to her this plantation  
& now live on, likewise all that is thereon that is the stock  
of horses, Cattle &c also all the household & kitchen furniture  
with all the farming utensils, likewise the benefit of my  
two negroes that is a boy called Fred & girl called patt for to  
support the family during her life time or widow hood  
excepting the under named Legacies— Also I give unto my  
well beloved Andrew Blair Darnell the plantation  
whereon I now live, for to have the benefit of the same part  
of it as soon as he arrives to the age of twenty one years  
& for his mother to have the benefit of the other during her  
lifetime or if she should marry before he arrives to the age of  
twenty one years my desire is for the plantation to be rent  
untill he arrives to this age & then for it all to fall to him  
that 200 acres more or less. I do also allow my son

Andrew & Dorothea & my Daughters Abby Black Dorothea & Violet Dorothea & the Boy  
Dorothea to have an equal divide of all the remainder of my property that  
is of the negroes & of the Stock & household furniture -

I likewise constitute make & ordain Richard Hasty & Robert Wood  
James Esquires & Executors. And I do hereby utterly disallow  
Revoke & disannul all & every other former Testament by me in  
any wise before made. Ratifying & confirming this to be after  
to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1813  
Signed sealed published pronounced & declared  
by the said James Dorothea as his last will & Testament  
in the presence of us who in his presence & in  
the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed  
our names

Josiah Alexander

Andrew Elliott

John Peoples

James Dorothea 

In the name of God Amen. I Andrew Dorothea of the County of Middlebury  
& State of Vermont, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind  
& memory that be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality  
of my body & knowing that it is appointed unto all men once  
to die; Do make & declare this my last will & Testament, that  
is to say principally & first of all I give & bequeath my soul  
unto God that gave it, my body I bequeath to the earth to be  
buried in a decent Christian burial at the direction of my execu-  
tors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall  
receive the same again by the mighty power of God; Touching  
such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless  
me in this life; I give devise & dispose of the same in the following  
manner & form - First I give & bequeath to my eldest brother Robert  
Dorothea for the term years & affection shown to him one Negro a fellow  
named Zena together with one half of the money which is now in  
the hands of Mr Satter for the land which he owes me, also the one  
half of my household furniture together with the half of my house  
& land