

Now all people that I John Denkins of the County of Chesham
 my & State of N. Carolina, being in a low State of bodily health
 but thro' the mercy of God, enjoying the use of my reasoning powers
 & knowing the mortality of mankind, Do make this my last will &
 Testament in form following Viz -

I lend to my beloved wife Polly Denkins during her natural life
 a widow being five negroes, Old George, big David, Molly & her child
 Virginia & big Jenny, my bay mare & riding chair, my best nut case
 board & one third of all my household & kitchen furniture & one
 third of all my Stock of Cattle, Hogs & sheep & geese & all other kind
 of fowls, also one third of the Crop whether growing or gathered in
 at the time of my death, also one third of my farming utensils -
 also that tract of Land purchased of my son Joshua Denkins
 containing fifty three acres it being part of the tract of Land on
 which I am & have formerly lived for her proper use & benefit
 during the time above mentioned -

I Give to my son James Denkins five negroes viz James which he now
 has in possession, Phillis & her three children viz Hercules, Cary
 & Mary with their increase to him & his heirs forever -

I Give & bequeath to my son Frederick Denkins four negroes viz
 Nelson, Old Willy, his wife Milly & their daughter Jane, and all that
 tract of Land I now live on with all its appurtenances to him
 and his heirs forever -

I Give to my son Joshua Denkins two negroes viz Little Billy &
 Little George to him & his heirs forever -

I Give to my daughter Martina Hendrick two negroes viz Joe &
 his wife Selvy to her & her heirs forever -

I Give my Daughter Mary Smith one negro man named George & her
 and all that tract of Land she now lives on, together with the tract
 of Land lying in the Indian Boundary between William Rice
 & her land during her natural life, and after her death the whole
 to be equally divided among her children, in their use forever -

I Give my Daughter Peggy Henderson one negro boy named Henry
 during her natural life & after her death to her children, in
 their use forever -

form of Leon Chesworth & Smith that this above will as it is stated
is just & true sworn to & subscribed this 8th day of April 1819
John Gilman J^r

William Semmens

John Gray - ✓

Know all people that I John Denkins of the County of New Haven
County & State of N. Carolina, being in a low state of bodily health
but thro' the mercy of God, enjoying the use of my reasoning powers
& knowing the mortality of mankind, Do make this my last will &
Testament in form following Viz -

I lend to my beloved wife Polly Denkins during her natural life
a widow being five negroes, Old George, big David, Malley & her child
Virginia & big Jenny, my bay mare & riding chair, my bed room & coffee
board & one third of all my household & kitchen furniture & one
third of all my stock of Cattle, Hogs & Sheep & geese & all other kind
of fowls, Also one third of the Crop whether growing or gathered in
at the time of my death, Also one third of my farming utensils -
Also that tract of Land purchased of my son Joshua Denkins
containing fifty three acres it being part of the tract of Land on
which John Osborn formerly lived for her proper use & benefit
during the time above mentioned -

I Give to my son James Denkins five negroes viz James which he now
has in possession, Phillis & their three children viz Hercules, Leary
Bury with their increase to him & his heirs forever -

I Give & bequeath to my son Frederick Denkins four negroes viz
Nelson, Old Willy, his wife Willy & their daughter Jane, and all that
tract of Land I now live on with all its appurtenances to him
and his heirs forever -

I Give to my son Joshua Denkins two negroes viz Little Billy &
Little George to him & his heirs forever -

I Give to my daughter Martina Hendrick two negroes viz Joe &
his wife Silvy to her & her heirs forever -

I Give my daughter Mary Smith one negro man named Gethen
and all that tract of Land she now lives on, together with the tract
of Land lying in the Indian Boundary whereon William Rice

Now all people that I John Denkins of the County of Newhamp-
shire & State of New-Carolina, being in a low State of Bodily health
but thro' the mercy of God, enjoying the use of my reasoning powers
& knowing the mortality of mankind: Do make this my last will &
Testament in form following Viz-

1. I Give to my beloved wife Polly Denkins during her natural life
or widowhood five negroes, Old George, big David, Molly & her child
Virginia & big Jenny, my bay mare & riding chair, my best newt Carpet
beard & one third of all my household & the kitchen furniture & one
third of all my Stock of Cattle, Hogs & Sheep & Geese & all other kind
of fowls. Also one third of the Crop whether growing or gathered in
at the time of my death. Also one third of my farming utensils -
Also that tract of Land purchased of my son Joshua Denkins
containing fifty three acres it being part of the tract of Land on
which John Cohen formerly lived for her proper use & benefit
during the time above mentioned -

2. I Give to my son James Denkins five negroes Viz James which he now
has in possession, Phillis & then three children Viz Hercules, Leary
airy with their increase to him & his Heirs forever -

3. I Give & Bequeath to my son Frederick Denkins four negroes Viz
Nelson, Old Willy, his wife Milly & then daughter Jane, and all that
tract of Land I now live on with all its appurtenances to him
and his Heirs forever -

4. I Give to my son Joshua Denkins two negroes Viz Little Willy &
Little George to him & his Heirs forever -

5. I Give to my daughter Martha Hendrick two negroes Viz Joe &
her wife Selvy to her & her Heirs forever -

6. I Give my Daughter Mary Smith one negro man named Gethen
and all that tract of Land she now lives on, together with the tract
of Land lying in the Indian Boundary whereon William Rice
now lives during her natural life, and after her death the whole
to be equally divided among her children, or their use forever -

7. I Give my Daughter Peggy Henderson one negro boy named Henry
during her natural life & after her death to her children for
their use forever -

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I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Hendon six negro boys which I
in three children Jasper & Kate during her natural life & after her
death to be equally divided among her children for their use & service
I give to my Grandson Robert Denkins one negro boy named
David Hardy & Twelve hundred dollars in Cash to him this being for use
I give to my Grandson John Denkins one negro boy named David
Hardy, and that tract of Land lying on Steel Creek between my
Frederick Denkins now living to him & his heirs forever —

I give to my ^{two} Grand sons William H Smith & John D Smith four
negroes viz Hedyth & her child, Davidson of Sylvia & Big Jenny
after the death of my wife to them & their heirs forever —

Furthermore it is my will that all & every part of my Estate
not herein mentioned to be sold at the discretion of my Execut.
and the money arising from such sale be equally divided
among my three sons James, Frederick & Joshua, my three
Daughters i.e. Martha Hendrick, Mary Smith & Peggy Henderson
my two Grand sons William H Smith & John D Smith to have
one share between them of said property. Also my two grand
Daughters Polly & Rebecca Roberts one equal share between
them, Also the whole of the property lent to my wife (except
Big Jenny) be divided in like manner.

Moreover it is my will that whatever money may be in
my possession at my decease that one third of it be given to
my wife the other two thirds to be divided as the last Article
mentioned. —

I appoint & ordain my beloved wife Polly Denkins Executrix
& my son James Denkins & my son in law John Hendrick Executors
of this my last Will & Testament, revoking & disannulling all others
but this & this only. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 18th day of September A.D. 1809

Signed & sealed in presence of

J. Parker

Samuel Hockaday

James Conway

John Denkins

Since the signing of this will I have disposed of three of the
negroes, especially William viz. to Sylvia her wife. With a to my

David Hardy & Twelve hundred dollars in Cash to him & his heirs forever
I give to my Grandson John Denkins one negro boy named David
Hardy, and that best of Land lying on Steel Creek. Whom my
Frederick Denkins now lives to him & his heirs forever —
I give to my ^{two} Grand sons William H Smith & John D Smith four
negroes viz Medith & her child, David son of Sylvia & Big Jenny
after the death of my wife to them & their heirs forever —
Furthermore it is my will that all & every part of my Estate
not herein mentioned to be sold at the discretion of my Exe^{rs}.
and the money arising from such sale be equally divided,
among my three sons James, Frederick & Esther, my three
Daughters C. Martha Hendrick, Mary Smith & Peggy Henderson
my two Grand sons William H Smith & John D Smith to have
an share between them of said property. Also my two grand
Daughters (Polly & Rebecca Roberts) one equal share between
them, Also the whole of the property lent to my wife (except)
Big Jenny) be divided in like manner.

Moreover it is my will that whenever money may be in
my possession at my decease that one third of it be given to
my wife the other two thirds to be divided as the last Article
mentioned.

I appoint & Ordain my beloved wife Polly Denkins Exe^{trix}
& my son James Denkins & my son in law John Hendrick Exe^{nts}
of this my last Will & Testament, nothing & disannulling all others
but this & that only In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal this 18th day of September A.D 1809

Signed & sealed in presence of

J. Parker

Samuel Hackett

Thomas Conway

John Denkins Test.

Since the signing of this will I have disposed of three of the
negroes, especially Will, viz to & Sylvia his wife will to my
Daughter Martha Hendrick & Jasper will to my grand daughter
Elizabeth Howden & upon a minute examination of this my
last will, I am fully satisfied with all & every part of it & ever

any of my two Grand sons Robert & John Denkins. It is my
 will that my Grand son Robert Denkins have my negro boy
 in lieu of my negro boy David Neel willed to him. Also
 I will & desire that my Grand son John Denkins have my negro
 in lieu of David Neel willed to him. Also it is my will &
 that my Daughter Martha Handrick have in lieu of the two
 named (Jo & Maria) my negro boy David Neel & my negro woman
 which to her & her heirs forever, Also it is my will & desire that my
 and daughter Elizabeth Boarden have in lieu of the negro boy
 I willed above my negro woman Sarah to her & her heirs forever
 And I declare this will in the presence of the negro boy
 as witness my hand & seal this 31 May 1810
 John Denkins

William Gadsby
 William Gadsby

In the name of God Amen. I James Doster resident on Duckhams
 Creek Northampton County State of N Carolina, being at present in
 weak health & of a failing disposition, being at present in
 thought much debilitated, & age & calling to mind the decree of
 Heaven that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and that there
 may be no difficulty in disposing of temporalities after my death
 I do make & declare this my last will & testament in the presence of
 and from following: I leave all I do recommend my soul to
 God who gave it, and my body to the earth where it came to be
 buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my
 Executors herein appointed. And as touching such worldly
 estate as it hath pleased the Almighty to bless me with, I give &
 dispose of the same as follows: First I will that all my just
 debts & funeral expenses be paid as soon as can be after my decease
 I give & bequeath unto my affectionate & beloved wife Sarah all
 land that remains to me after what I have given to my other children
 being the plantation on which I now live with all its privi-
 leges & improvements the full & undivided possession of which I
 improve in the form of an annual life also I will to my
 affectionate & beloved wife Sarah all the house-
 hold & personal provisions for herself