

In the name of God amen. I John Dow of Mecklenburg County being weak in body but sound in mind & memory being sensible that it is appointed for all men once to die I dispose of my worldly substance that God has blessed me with as follows— First. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah Dow all the cultivated land known by the name of the Perry bottom on the river & all the meadows & land joining said land, together with a suffering of wood land to support said land in timber, together with the two story house & two stables by the road & the clear land south of the great road to it extends three acres into the Orchard field— 2^d I will & bequeath to my beloved wife three negroes named Rufus & his wife Rachel & one Negro woman named Lydia with her further increase said land & negroes I allow to my wife to her proper use & behoof during her natural life & at her death the increase with their increase to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided among my surviving Legates and the said land & House at her death, I allow to go to my son William Dow— 3^d I will & bequeath to my wife the whole of the Kitchen provided & the sideboard & all its furniture & two beds and furniture, one Dining Table one set of chairs & likewise two mats, two Coats of her own choosing, two plows, two pair of Hoes & one year provision for my wife to come out of what is on hand, or what is to be made on the plantation as may answer, that is one year provision of what is on hand at my death, I allow my wife twelve hogs of her own choosing, with the new wagon & the horse purchased for it also the making my will to her proper use & behoof during her natural life & at her death to be sold & the proceeds to be equally divided among the surviving Legates—

4th I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Margaret a new one Dress—

5th I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Elizabeth a new one Dress & 250 acres of Land on the South side of Long

I dispoſe of my worldly ſubſtance that I ſee has been
me with as follows— 1st I will & bequeath to my beloved
wife Jessamine Dane all the cultivated land known by the
name of the Perry bottom on the river & all the meadow
land joining ſaid land, together with a ſupplanning of
wood land to ſupport ſaid land in timber, together with
the two ſtory houſe & two ſtables by the road & the clear land
ſouth of the great road to it extends three acres into the orchard
field— 2^d I will & bequeath to my beloved wife three negroes
named Reſus & his wife Rachel & one Negro Woman named
Lydia with her further increaſe ſaid land & negroes I allow
to my wife to her proper uſe & behoof during her natural
life; and at her death the ſaid negroes with their increaſe to be
ſold and the proceeds to be divided equally among my ſurviv-
ing Legates and the ſaid Land & Houſes at her death, I
allow to go to my ſon William Dane— 3^d I will & bequeath
to my wife the whole of the Kitchen furniſure & the ſideboard &
all its furniſure & two beds and furniſure, one Dining Table
one ſet of chairs & Mecklenburg Co. NC Wills 1783-1844
www.virginiapioneers.net two Coats of her own
chooſing, two plows, two pair of Gear & one years proviſion
for my wife to come out of what is on hand, or what is to
be made on the plantation as may beſeeem, that is one
years proviſion of what is on hand at my death, I allow
my wife twelve bags of her own chooſing, with the new
waggon & the ſoon purchaſed for it alſo the making any thing
to her proper uſe & behoof during her natural life & at her
death to be ſold & the proceeds to be equally divided among
the ſurviving Legates—

4th I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Margaret
ſervant one Cow—

5th I give & bequeath to my beloved & right Elixabeth
a ſquare 250 acres of Land on the ſouth ſide of Long
creek known by the name of Land & now run & ſtated in
William & Marys name & alſo five negroes to wit
three children to wit Dinah, & Hizh & Nathan
Negro Girl named Leah, I give & bequeath to my daughter

Elizabeth on Black Horse which is the new Black Horse, also the House that she formerly resided, also two Sower Spigs -

1st I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Susannah Baker one lot of land and two Sower Spigs -

2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved son William Dore the Plantations on which I now live bounded as follows beginning at a white Ash on the bank of the River William South corner Grant with his line crossing the great road to William & Cornish's line, then with Cornish's line to the bank, then up the bank to the mouth of the dry branch it being the line of the Hudson land to a black oak a corner of the Hudson land, then with 4 of the lines of the Hudson land N° 33 E 34 poles to a B.O. then N° 13 W 10 poles to a Stake, then N° 16 E 48 poles to a B.O. a corner of two of the Hudson Surveys, then N° 7 E 68 poles to a Stake, then with 4 of the division line N° 44 W 55 poles to a large B.O. by the great road, then N° 49 W 136 poles to a pine then S° 37 W 62 poles to a small post oak, then N° 70 W 246 poles to a B.O. on the bank of the river to the beginning supposed to contain 100 acres of land, all of said land I allow to my son William except I bequeath to my wife, should my wife & my son William disagree, or should he treat her unfairly I allow him to remove to the other house near to the river & let her remain in possession of the House & land until she tells her that said land is to remain under her incumbrances to my wife, after her death I allow said land & boundaries to my son William and his Heirs forever

3rd I give & bequeath to my grandson James M. Henry one tract of land which includes the great Horse mill bounded as follows beginning at a small Hickory on the old line 20 poles from the old Post oak by the house & Survey S° 6 W 100 poles to a Stake, then S° 43 W 70 poles to a Stake, then S° 6 W to the bank of Long creek below the mouth of the branch, then due S° about 35 poles to William & Henry's line, then with said line due East to a B.O. at a corner of the Henderson land, then with 3 lines of said land S° 18 E 76 poles to a B.O. & pine, then with two lines of the same land N° 54 E 82 poles to a B.O. & Hickory, then N° 27 E 54

I give & bequeath to my beloved son William Davis the plantation on which I now live bounded as follows beginning at a white oak on the bank of the river William South corner & run with his line crossing the great road to William & Cornetts line, then with Cornetts line to the creek, then up the creek to the mouth of the dry branch it being the line of the Hudson land to a black oak corner of the Hudson land, then with 1/2 of the line of the Hudson land N^o 33 E 34 poles to a B.O. then N^o 13 W 10 poles to a stake, then N^o 16 E 48 poles to a B.O. corner of two of the Hudson surveys, then N^o 7 E 68 poles to a stake, then with 1/2 of the division line N^o 44 W 55 poles to a large B.O. by the great road, then N^o 79 W 136 poles to a pine then S^o 37 W 62 poles to a small post oak, then N^o 70 W 246 poles to a B.O. on the bank of the river then down the river to the beginning supposed to contain 500 acres of land, all of said land I allow to my son William except I begin with to my wife, Mary my wife & my son William disagree, or should he trust her wife I allow him to remove to the other house near to the river & let her remain in possession of the land until we tell her she the said land is to remain under her encumbrances to my wife & after her death I allow said land & encumbrances to my son William and his heirs forever

8th. I give & bequeath to my grandson James M. Henry one tract of land which includes the great & small mill bounded as follows beginning at a small Hickory on the old line 20 poles from the old Post Oak by the branch & runs S 61 W 100 poles to a stake, then S 45 W 20 poles to a stake, then S 6 W to the bank of Long creek below the mouth of the branch, then down to about 35 poles to William & Henrys line, then with said line down East to a B.O. at a corner of the Henderson land, then with 3 lines of said land S 18 E 76 poles to a B.O. & pine, then with two lines of the same land N 54 E 82 poles to a branch to a P.O. & Hickory, then N 27 E 58 poles to a gum by the first gum branch, then up the gum branch to his new bridge then crossing the branch to a B.O. in the meadow between the Spring then to a locust tree corner in the field made & enclosed by a tree, then down N 40 W to it striking the creek at the big

water mark, then up the creek with its various corners passing
the old bridge along the high water mark to the old line which
is so simple & the ancient line, then with the ancient line N 20 W 10
poles to a pine the old corner, then N 59 E 74 poles to a P.O. old
corner, then N 26 W 66 poles to a P.O. then S 72 W 60 poles to a P.O.
pine, then S 97 W 18 poles to a pine, then across the narrow part
of the ferry about 20 poles to a real Oak Robert Davidsons
corner, then with line of his line S 34 W 28 poles to a P.O. then S 97
W 86 poles to a P.O. then S 45 W 160 poles to a large P.O. by the branch
Robert Davidsons corner, then N 60 E 20 poles to the beginning of a
large 300 acres of land landward of Brunswick I allow to my
Grand son James M. McLeary, the profits of land land & mills
I allow to go to my wife during her natural life and after her
death to go to my Grand son James M. McLeary, or to his estate -
I give & bequeath to my son William Dore the whole of my
estate, Walter V. McLeary (child), then give & bequeath to my son
William two houses of his own choice & yearly Gold, I also
bequeath to my son William all the stock of cows & hogs on
both my plantations except what I have to give with to my
wife or will afterwards, same to my Daughters, then I give
& bequeath to my wife my two old wagons during her
natural life and at her death to be sold & the proceeds to be
equally divided among the surviving Legates -

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Then I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Amelia Lanning
the following land, beginning at a large P.O. the old corner
by the branch Robert Davidsons corner & runs with his line
N 13 W 206 poles to a W.D. Davison corner, then S 77 W 173 poles
to a B.O. by a small branch, then N 46 W 78 to a large P.O.
by the branch, then N 21 W 96 poles to a B.O. on a Hill, then
N 49 W 166 poles to a B.O. a stream South corner, then with 4 of
his line, S 15 E 140 poles to a Stake, then N 56 W 92 poles to a
stone corner near South house, then S 20 W 124 poles to a W.D.
then N 72 W 114 poles to a Iron wood on the river banks South
corner, then down the river 19 poles to a white oak Mrs Dore
corner then with 4 of his line S 70 E 246 poles to a small P.O.
then S 84 E 119 poles to a pine, then N 40 E 124 poles to a P.O.

pole, to a pine the old corner, then N 59 E 74 poles to a P.O. old
corner, then N 26 W 66 poles to a P.O. then S 72 W 60 poles to a P.O.
pine, then S 97 W 12 poles to a pine, then across the narrow bank
of the river about 26 poles to a red Oak Robert Davidsons
corner, then with line of his line S 34 23 poles to a P.O. then S 97
W 86 poles to a P.O. then S 48 W 60 poles to a large P.O. by the branch
Davidsons corner, then N 60 E 20 poles to the beginning
to be 302 acres of Land & land hand & branch I allow to my
Grand son James M. Wiley, the profits of said land & mill
I allow to go to my wife during her natural life and after her
death to go to my Grand son S. M. Wiley as a joint estate.
I give & bequeath to my son William Dore the same piece of land
between Master & Henry (a child), then give & bequeath to my son
William two houses of his own choice & a yearling Calf, I also
bequeath to my son William all the stock of Cows & Hogs on
both my plantations except what I have bequeathed to my
wife or will afterwards come to my Daughter, then I give
& bequeath to my wife my two old wagons during her
natural life and after her death to be divided & the proceeds to be
equally divided among the surviving Legates.

Then I give & bequeath to my beloved Daughter Amelia Lanning
the following Land, Beginning at a large P.O. the old corner
by the branch Robert Davidsons corner & runs with his line
N 13 W 206 poles to a W.D. Davison corner, then S 77 W 173 poles
to a B.O. by a small branch then N 46 W 78 to a large B.O.
by the branch, then N 21 W 96 poles to a B.O. on a Hill, then
N 49 W 66 poles to a B.O. & Abram Settle corner, then with 4 of
his line, S 15 E 140 poles to a Stake, then N 56 W 92 poles to a
New corner near Settle house, then S 20 W 124 poles to a W.O.
then N 72 W 114 poles to a Iron wood on the river banks Settle
corner, then down the river 13 poles to a White Oak Mr. Dore
corner then with 4 of his line S 70 E 246 poles to a small P.O.
then S 37 E 62 poles to a pine, then S 79 E 134 poles to a B.O.
by the Great road, then S 44 E 44 poles to a Stake on the river
then with said line N 44 E 104 poles to the beginning
showing by Estimation 98 1/2 acres of Land to the same corner.

or less said land to be hers & her heirs forever. Then I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Amelia Samsing one negro man named Cato & one
negro girl named Nisey & also one Bed & furniture & one cow & calf
and two sows & pigs—

Then I give & bequeath to my grandson Charles S. Norment the Ballance
of the Henderson place (all that I have not heretofore bequeathed to
my grandson James & H. Leary the said land to be under the
control of my wife or her executrix until the said Charles comes
of age— Also the Ballance of the Gorm place to be paid to pay off my
debts together with all the undivided property the Ballance if any
to be equally divided equally among the surviving legates—
It is also my desire that my library of books remain with my
wife to be disposed of she may think proper & fit—

Then I give & bequeath my Silver Watch to William S. Norment my
son in Law— I do hereby nominate & appoint Joseph
Blackwood, John Black & William H. Leary the Executors
of this my Last Will & Testament. I hereby give to all bequeathed
heretofore by me made & constitute this my last will and
Testament

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the
presence of us who sign in the
presence of each other—

April 8th 1828—

Thomas T. Johnston
Joseph Blackwood
Isaac S. Thompson

John Dowd

