

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County }

Be it remembered that I Benjamin

Larkins Senr, of the county and state aforesaid, planter, being at this time in good health and my mental faculties in no wise impaired, do make and ordain this instrument of writing as and for my last will and Testament, that is to say,

First. I recommend my soul to my Creator, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors to be hereafter named; and as to my worldly estate and property, I will and bequeath to be disposed of as follows, viz,

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins Junr, in trust for my daughter, Rebecca Jane Lamb and her lawful heirs, a negro boy called Lou, which negro I wish to be and remain in the possession of my said daughter, Jane.

I also give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins Junr in trust for my daughter, Jane Jacobs and her heirs, a negro called Amy, and all of her children except a child called Sue, and which children the said Amy may hereafter have.

I also give and bequeath to my son in law William Lamb five dollars.

I also give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins Junr in trust for my daughter, Sarah Ann Rowe and lawful heirs, a negro woman called Sue, and her two children one called Owen and the other, Mary Ann.

I also wish it to be understood that my son Benjamin Larkins Junr is not to be considered to have any right or title to any of the above bequests, but only to be considered as trusted for the Legatee above mentioned.

I also give to my two sons Benjamin Larkins Jr and William Larkins a piece of land containing four hundred acres in the County aforesaid, which I have lately purchased from Samuel Larkins,

the said land to be equally divided between them share and share alike. And I further give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins all my lands on the west side of Riley's creek. And also bequeath to my son William Larkins all my lands on east side of Riley's creek; this last bequest to my son William, not to take

place till the death of my wife with whom I wish to remain until she may give up her right to said William by her consent.

And as to the rest of my property viz, negroes and stock of all kinds household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools &c, it is my request the same be equally divided between my wife Susannah and my two sons that is Benjamin and William.

Now I hereby acknowledge this as and for my last will and Testament, and do by these presents constitute and appoint my son Benjamin Larkins, and William Larkins son of Robert Executors to the same. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set

my hand and seal this twenty second day of February, annoque
domini one thousand eight hundred and twenty three,
signed, sealed and delivered
for the purpose within contained
in presence of us

B Larkins. (Seal)

W Sharples. Seny
Robert Larkins

State of North Carolina }
County of New Hanover,

County Court
June Term 1833

The execution of this the last Will
and Testament of Benjamin Larkins dec^d was proved in open
Court by the oath of Robert Larkins Seny subscribing witness and
ordered to be registered and filed; at the same time William
S Larkins qualified as Executor thereto.

Test

John W Stanley. Cky

In the name of God Amen. I Susannah Larkins, being
feeble in body, but of perfect mind and memory, do make, publish
and ordain this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all
former Wills by me at any time made; as follows,

First. I give and bequeath to my step daughter, Jane Jacobs, a negro
man by the name of Aaron,

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins in trust for my
daughter, Sarah Rowd, a negro woman by the name of Filler,
and her daughter, Minny,

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Larkins, all my share
of the Stock, household and kitchen furniture and plantation tools.

I further give to my son William R Larkins, Five dollars.

I also give to my son in law James Rowd one dollar.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
seventeenth day of July, A D One thousand, eight hundred and thirty
three (1833)

signed in presence of us

Susannah Larkins (Seal)

W S Larkins

Jefferson Bond

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County

County Court
Sept, Term 1833

The execution of the within Will was proved
by William S Larkins one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered
to be filed

Witness

John W Stanley. Cky