

In the name of God Amen. I, John Larkins of the County of New Hanover, and Province of North Carolina being in perfect health, both in body and mind, but sensible of the mortality of human nature, think proper, this my last Will and Testament; and I do hereby disannul and make void all other testamental writings made heretofore by me.

First. I give my soul to Almighty God who made it and my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my friends in full and certain hope of receiving it at the last day according to the scriptures.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother William Larkins my negro fellow Harry to him and his heirs forever, also their signs.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother James Larkins my two negro fellows Jack and James, to him and his heirs forever, also his signs.

Item. I give unto my beloved nephew John Larkins son of William Larkins the following negroes, viz, Tom, Dorcit and Sarah, for him and his heirs forever, and my fellow vitta for and during the term of five years, after which term he is to be set free for ninety nine years, also two of my plantation horses, also my plantation wherewon I now live, which plantation horses and three negroes Tom, Dorcit and Sarah, after his paying my debts, I give to him, his heirs and assigns forever, and vitta for five years as aforesaid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved sisters Margaret Evans, Mary Evans and Ann Evans, all and singular the remainder of my estate to be equally divided among them, except my house wench Betty, who I give free at my death for ninety nine years and I leave my trusty friend John Larkins son of William Larkins sole executor, to execute this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
this August 31st 1776 in presence of
Timothy Bloodworth
Jacob Williams

John Larkins. *Seal*

New Hanover County
January Term 1782

The within last Will and Testament of John Larkins deceased was exhibited in

Court and proved by the oath of Jacob Williams a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the testator sign, read, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament. Also that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that Timothy Bloodworth signed at the same time as a concurring evidence thereto. Ordered that letters testamentary issue to John Larkins Executor to the said Will.

Thos. McClaird. Ck.