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I James Chadwick of the County of  
Preston and State of North Carolina being  
weak in body but of a sound and perfect  
mind remembering, and knowing it is appropriate  
unto all men even to die so make and  
publish this my last will and testament  
and bestowing all others by me made,  
in manner and form following, that  
I do say I wish my body to be buried in a  
decent Christian like manner at the  
discretion of my friends and Executors  
and what worldly estate I am left with  
in this life I dispose of in the manner  
hereafter directed (Wt)

First I wish all my lands to be sold to the  
best advantage by my Executors either at public  
or private sale, which they may think best  
calculated to advance the interest of my  
estate, and on such terms as the situation  
of my business will admit of. I do  
want my negro woman Bridget my stock  
of all kinds and every other article which  
I may own seized and disposed of which  
I shall not hereafter specifically dispose of

in some other way, to be sold by my Executors  
and the money arising from the sale of the  
lands and other articles left to be sold in the  
disposal of my will to be applied to the pay-  
ment of my debts, and after they are paid then  
the balance of the money remaining in the hands  
of my Executors from the sale of the above said  
lands to the property left to be sold to be equally  
divided between my wife and my other children  
provided my wife shall give her consent and  
convey her title to down in the lands of course  
to the purchase of the same, but in case she  
should refuse to convey such title, then &  
in that case, I wish the balance of my  
lands etc. by my Executors on the condition  
of course and the money arising from  
such sale to be the last of my estate  
applied towards the payment of my debts  
but equally divided amongst my other  
children

Then I wish all my negroes which I now  
have in possession (except Bridget who is left  
to be sold) to be equally divided between my  
wife & my other children to share and share  
alike - and I do empower and authorize my  
Executors to form a committee composed of

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I intend to make such provision, having  
an intention to families as much as  
possibly they can so as to keep them together  
particularly my negro woman John his wife  
and family I wish all this and set off to  
my eldest daughter Sarah, and if she has  
no family, should amount to more in  
value than her father's share of negroes  
then in that case, I wish my executor  
to secure the value of said family by  
commencing at the best by and so on  
downwards until they shall make her  
share out equal with my wife and two  
young children

Then I wish the money part of my estate  
which may be due my children to be kept  
at land till interest and the negroes to  
be annually hired out, and the money  
arising from such hire directed to be  
applied to the raising and educating of  
my children, which I wish by all means  
to be attended to by my Executor, and if  
they can not receive such education and  
remain with my relations I wish to prefer  
it, but in that particular I leave my Executor

the last will and testament of  
then I wish my executor to appoint my  
friend and relation Allen Davis and my friend  
Daniel McQuilley my Executors to the my  
last will and testament - The witnesses  
whereof I have set my hand this 12th  
day of April AD 1831.  
Signed in presence of James Chidwick  
D. W. Quilley &  
B. W. Quilley

I constitute and appoint J. W. Davis in the  
place of Daniel McQuilley  
this 25 day of Dec. 1833 James W. Davis  
J. W. Davis

State of Massachusetts County of Plymouth  
Over the Court } before my hand 1834  
Then in the last will and testament of  
James Chidwick given in open Court  
by the oath of D. W. Quilley & John  
Freeman + J. W. Davis Seal of  
Executor thereof is done from place  
J. W. Davis Clerk