

In the name of God Amen! Peter Dowell son of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being in a very weak State of body but of perfect & sound memory do make my last will & test: in manner & form following. Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to almighty God in hope of a happy resurrection through the merit of my blessed saviour, Jesus Christ & my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

Item I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Dowell all my land together with its improvements, also all my Negroes (viz: Doll, Miffy, David, Pat, Esther, & Isaac, also all my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, & sheeps, also all my household, & kitchen furniture & plantation utensils of every kind for her support, during her natural life, but she shall by no means sell or dispose of any the above mentioned property but keep it together her natural life.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Dowell one hundred & sixty acres of land, including the plantation & other improvements, whereon I now live, to him & his heirs forever, at the death of my wife.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Peter Dowell twenty eight acres of land adjoining the land where he now lives to be located in a long square the whole length of my land parallel to the first line of my survey, which is west 56 chains, to him & his heirs forever, at the death of my said wife.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Moses Dowell a Negro girl named Esther & her increase to him & his heirs forever at the death of my wife.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Dowell a Negro girl named Pat & her increase to him & his heirs forever; at the decease of my said wife.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Phillips Dowell a Negro boy named David to him & his heirs forever at the decease of my said wife.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Richard Dowell a Negro woman named Doll to him & his heirs forever, at the decease of my said wife.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Dowell a Negro woman named Miffy & her son named Isaac & her future increase to him & his heirs forever, at the decease of my said wife. I also give & bequeath unto my said son William Dowell one feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever, at the decease of my said wife.

Item my will & desire is that at the death of my aforesaid wife all my stock of horses, cattle hogs & sheeps, all my household & kitchen furniture, & all my plantation tools of every kind be equally divided between my five sons (viz: Peter, John, Phillips, Richard & William Dowell & their heirs forever.

I also give & bequeath unto my son William Dowell one oak chest to him & his heirs forever, at the limitation aforesaid. And lastly I constitute & appoint my two sons Peter Dowell & William Dowell to be executor of this my last will & test: hereby revoking & annulling all other & former wills by me heretofore made & confirming this to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of August 1802.

Signed & acknowledged in the presence of: Battaley Bryan

Benjamin Bouymard.

Peter Dowell