

District & State aforesaid, Planter being in good health & strength & of sound & disposing memory blefsted be God for the same, do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following, that is to say I have two fons <sup>S</sup> William & Robert & my wife Dorcas; I give grant & devise to my said Sons William & Robert & to my Wife Dorcas the whole of my Lands, Negroes & estate of all kinds wh<sup>so</sup>ever to be equally divided between them, share & Share alike, neverthelefs subject to the following legacies & limitations. Also I give & devise to my Nephew John Dow, now living with me, One thousand Dollars. As the late Richard Richardson by deed of gift conveyed to my son Robert a tract of Nineteen acres on which I have since built a costly house, my Will is, (as the said deed of gift - was a whim of their Grand father) that Robert shall claim no preeminence or advantage with regard to the said Nineteen Acres but that all division shall take place between them ~~in the same manner as if that deed of gift had not existed,~~ but if my Son Robert should claim the house & said nineteen Acres of land then my Will is that a house of equal Value shall be built for my son William, or the Value thereof given to my Son William, in money before any division of my estate takes place. At the death of Wife, my Will is that the One third part of my Estate above given to her, during her natural life, shall at her death be vested in my Sons William & Robert, share & share alike. - Also if any of my Sons die without lawful issue of their body, then the Survivor, <sup>of them my Sons</sup> shall ultimately inherit the whole of my estate.

~~But if, for beyond human ken,~~ both my Said Sons Should die without lawful issue of their bodies, then I give & devise the whole of my <sup>after the death of my wife</sup> Estate <sup>^</sup> to my brother William Dow of Finlary Near Grautown, North Britain; to my brother Jonathan Dow, ~~now~~ of Clackbreak, Rothas, North Britain; to my Sister Ann Dow, now Ann Thomson of Ston Wally Rothas, North Britain; to my brother Michael Dows Children; in the following Manner, viz, the whole of my estate to be divided into six parts & my said Brother William & his children to take two

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of said parts or one third of the estate; - my brother Jonathan & his child to take two of said parts, or one third of my estate, the remaining Two parts, or one third of my Estate & be equally divided between my said Sister Ann, or her Children; & my brother Michaels Son & natural daughter Margaret; say <sup>of the above two</sup> half to Ann & her ~~thirds~~ children & half to Michaels Son & daughter, above named. -

It is also my Will that if my Sons die without lawful issue, that John Dow, my nephew before named shall have Six Negroes from my Estate, before any division takes place between my Ken in Scotland, & have also 300 acres of <sup>land.</sup> My Will is that my Negro Woman Sibby Shall be free at my death & that she receive twelve dollars yearly, or her regular allowance in Corn, during her natural life from my estate & I confide in my wife & Sons to execute this part of my Will, knowing that otherwise this clause wont be void, without my freeing her in my life time. -

I also give and devise to my Nephew John Dow, above named, the Negro boy Reubin, & the Negro girl Norah, both the children of Lucy, in addition to the One thousand dollars above mentioned.-

I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my Wife, during her widowhood, executrix of this my last Will & Testament. My Son William after he is seventeen years of age Executor; & my good friends ~~James~~ James B. Richardson, Edward Richardson & my Nephew John Dow Executors of this my last Will & Testament. The division between my Widow & Children of the property Shall take place whenever my Widow or Son William desire a division to take place -

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I hope will duly appreciate with what efforts, I acquired the property for them & will hand it down to their children.

Signed, Fealed declared & published) It, being particularly my  
by the above Robert Dow, as his last) Will that the property  
Will and testament The words"of ) above I left to my Wife  
them my Fone," being interlined in ) is in lieu of her dower.-  
presence of us - "After the death )  
of my Wife," being also interlined. )

(No Witnesses )

(No Signature)

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