

manner to wit, beginning at the upper corner of my land adjoining Abalom or Lewis Jouners land and the said Denson's land that Timothy Drake now lives on and to extend and equal distance along each of the said Lines of Jouners and Jordan Denson's so far as shall comprise and include fifty acres of land and I do hereby direct Abalom Jouner to run the dividing line which I do establish and confirm to all intents and purposes as fully as if I had laid out the same myself & conveyed the land and premises to the said Jordan Denson his heirs & assigns by deed in my life time.

Secondly I leave to my dear and loving wife Sarah Drake the use and profits of all and every part of my estate real, personal, or mixed whether in possession, remainder or reversion for and during the term of her natural life.

Thirdly I leave to my daughter Mary Drake after the death of my wife the use and profits of my plantation and all my lands except the fifty acres which I have already devised to Jordan Denson his heirs &c. for and during the term of her natural life. I also give for my Negro woman Sarah, my Negro man Jim and my Negro boy Bob and one moiety or equal half part of all my other estate not herein otherwise particularly disposed off to her and to her heirs and assigns.

Fourthly I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Calia Jouner and to my grandson Joseph Jouner after the death of my wife my Negro woman Cally my Negro Girls Venus & Phillis and one moiety or equal half part of all my personal estate and after the death of my daughter Mary Drake and my wife the plantation and lands whereon I now live, which I believe will be (after the fifty acres devised already to Jordan Denson is paid off) One hundred and eighty acres or thereabouts, to them and to their heirs and assigns for ever. I do desire that my Grandson the aforesaid Joseph Jouner shall have an education suitable to his station of life out of the profits of this Legacy.

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute, authorize & appoint my wife Sarah Drake and my Son in Law Abalom Jouner as executors and executor to this my last will and testament, and I do revoke and disannul all other or former wills by me heretofore made hereby establishing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred eighty and three Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the said Thomas Drake to be his last will and Testament in presence of

Lewis Jouner jr.

Lewis Jouner sr.

Joseph Denson for

Thomas Drake



At a court held for the county of Southampton on the 10th day of April 1783. This will was presented in Court by Abalom Jouner one of the Executors therein named the widow Sarah refusing & proved by the oaths of Lewis Jouner jr. & Lewis Jouner sr. two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Abalom Jouner the Executor therein named who made oath according to law a certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate in due form giving security. Whereupon &c.