

319

1789
 May 26. By amount of estate sold this day
 By Richard Andrews 7
 By Nicholas Poston
 By James Kennebecum

L	5	30
	17	2 5 1/2
	2	14
	11	-
	3	-
L	27	2 5 1/2

Pursuant to an order of Court bearing date 9th day of July 1789
 we the subscribers have audited the above account and find it justly stated given under
 our hands this 9th day July 1789

Thomas Edmunds
 Jacob Randolph

At a court held for the County of
 Southampton the 11th day of July 1789 This Account Current of the Estate of
 James Stanton deceased was reported and ordered to be recorded

Elisha
 Darden
 wife

In the name of God amen I Elisha Darden of
 Southampton County Virginia being in a low State of Health that present but
 thanks be to God sound in mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body
 do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Vizt
 First I desire that all my just debts be paid and in order thereto do leave all my Stock in trade
 and such other of my personal estate of any kind (the fishery excepted) as my Executors hereafter
 named shall advise or think can best be spared agreeable to the intention and meaning of this Will
 to be sold for twelve months credit Bonds taken to bear Interest from Date if not punctually paid
 and should it be so that the above together with my bonds, Notes accounts and Mortgages, should
 not be sufficient to discharge my debts I desire that no more of my personal estate
 may be sold, but do leave in the power of my Executors and do hereby empower them and
 each of them to sell such Negro or Negroes either Male or female that are not named in this
 Will for twelve months Credit Bonds taken as above, to raise a sufficiency of money for
 the above purpose

Item

I leave to my loving Wife Phoebe Darden the use of all my lands & appertinances
 until January 1791 and after wards full liberty to get fire wood or any timber for
 plantation use on the Cypress Swamp land during her life in widowhood further
 after the above mentioned period I leave to my said loving Wife the use of my
 plantation and lands adjoining with the appertinances on her giving
 my son Jacob Darden the lower part of the plantation which lies on
 the Marsh over the branch and below the same to his own use without
 interruption during her life in widowhood, and in case she should marry
 I then leave her only the use of one third part of plantation lands
 adjoining and appertinances during her natural life