

- Item I give to my Son Jacob Darden all my lands plantation and appertenance which lies in Southampton County one Negro Boy named Toney and one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever
- Item I desire that my son Jonah Darden may be schooled till he is fourteen years old, at every convenient opportunity and then bound to learn the trades of a House Carpenter and Shop Sawyer and on my said Son Jonas coming to the age of Twenty one Years.
- Item I Give unto him my two lots in Newfrees borough on Meherrin River, one Negro Boy, or rather Mulattoe, named Will a Titter Titter of tools suitable to his trades to him and his heirs
- Item I lend to my Daughter Sally Barnes one Negro Girl named Rose for and during her natural life and after her decease I give the said Negro Girl Rose and increase if any to all the Children of the said Sally Barnes then living to them and their heirs
- Item I lend to my Daughter Esther Darden one Negro Girl named Sarah for and during her natural life and after her decease I give the said Negro Sarah and increase if any to all the Children of the said Esther Darden then living to them and their heirs
- Item I lend to my Daughter Betsey Darden one Negro Girl named Lucy to be delivered to her on her marrying or coming to the age of Twenty one years for and during her natural life and after her decease I give the said Negro Lucy and increase if any to all the Children of the said Betsey Darden Lawfully beotten of her body then living to them and their heirs. I likewise give to my said Daughter Betsey Darden on her Marrying or coming to the aforesaid age of twenty one years, two Cows and Calves one chest one trunk and one bed and furniture to her own disposal
- Item I leave all the residue of my estate of any kind or quality whatsoever to be kept and continued together with my wife during her life in widowhood for the purpose of schooling and raising my young children but in case she should Marry I leave her the use of the Negroes (to wit) Daniel Selah and Cherry during her natural life and give unto her ten Pounds cash to be raised out of my estate to her and her disposal and the residue I desire may be equally divided Between and amongst three of my Children (to wit) my Son Jonas and my two Daughters Elotilda and Milly and after my wifes decease I give to my said three young Children the three Negroes Daniel Selah and Cherry and in case to them and their heirs an equal division
- Item I desire my estate may not be appraised only Inventory returned,
- Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my Son Jacob Darden and my trusty friends John Bowers and David Barron Executors to this my last Will and testament revoking and annulling all other Wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament In Witness Whereof I the said Elisha Darden have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 3 day of December 1788
- Signed Sealed published and pronounced in presence of
James Siggins
Charles Hays both
Belle Llover
- Elisha Darden