

Note

I give unto my loving wife Ann Darden for the support of her self & child Elisha Darden during her widowhood the following Negroes viz<sup>d</sup> Dorothy, Simon, & Charlotte all the house hold & kitchen furniture & plantation utensils my parcel horse named Starling light choice of the flock of my cattle all the stock of my hogs except them which are to be fattened all my flock of sheep One Thousand four hundred pounds of fattened Pork, fifty fives barrels of corn, half of my crop of peas all my crop of Potatoes, cotton all my peas on the hull four bushels of white Pease & four Bushels of Red Pease all my stock of furs all my salt & flax all my spirits except what <sup>may be</sup> made use of & all my sweetening of every kind provided should marry. I then give her during her life the following negroes Dorothy & Charlotte when increase of any after her marriage I desire Simon to be heris out and the money arising therefrom to be appropriated for the use of my son Elisha Darden and after her death my will and desire is that all the above mentioned Negroes with the other Property viz Dorothy Simon & Charlotte should descend unto my son Elisha Darden to him & his heirs forever.

Item

My desire is that the land let me by my father should be sold for twelve months credit & the money arising therefrom to descend to my son Elisha Darden to him & his heirs forever.

Item

My will & desire is that my son Elisha Darden should be sent to school for the term of <sup>seven</sup> years & then put to some trade until he arrives to the age of twenty years.

Item

My will & desire is that all the rest & residue of my estate that is not <sup>before</sup> devised to be sold at my death & the money arising therefrom to descend to my son Elisha Darden to him and his heirs forever.

Item

My will & desire is that if my son Elisha Darden should die without any heir that all the above property mentioned to him should be equally divided between my Sister Julia Darden & my brother Jacob Darden's children.

Thereby nominate & appoint Jacob Darden Senr. & Jacob Darden junr. my lawful heirs to this my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 5 day of December 1794

Sign & Seal acknowledged

James Darden Seal

In the presence of

Robert H. Fisher

Stephen Pope

Elizabeth <sup>his</sup> Stokes  
mark

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1795 This will was proved by the oaths of Stephen Pope & Elizabeth Stokes two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded, none being allowed for the execution to qualify And at a court held for the said county the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1795 And on the motion of Jacob Darden junr. one of the execs of James Darden dead whom a oath according to Law certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving security whereupon &c.

James Darden