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John Denson
Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John Denson of Southampton County and Parish of Williamsburg being in a low State of health at Present but of sound mind and memory thank be to almighty God, and knowing the uncertainty of Life Do make constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament In form and manner following:—

Item I give my soul to God who gave it me, and trust he will receive it with mercy in Eternal Bliss—

Item I give and bequeath to my living wife Anna Denson the goods and profits of the Plantation whereon I now live during her natural Life, and further more my will and desire is that my three Daughters Rebecca, Eliza & Catharine Denson may have the Privilege of dwelling on my Land as long as they live Single—

Item I give and bequeath the use of all my Personal Estate to my aforesaid living wife Anna Denson during her natural Life—

Item After the death of my living wife Anna Denson my will and desire is that my personal Estate should be equally divided amongst my Children—

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Denson the Plantation whereon I now live containing one hundred Acres after the death of my aforesaid living wife & him and his heirs forever—

Item I hereby appoint my living wife Anna Denson & Peter Denson Executors of this my last will and Testament as witnesses my Barba and seal this 11th day of January 1789—

John Denson Seal

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Joseph Hill
Mills ^{his} Denson
Rebecca ^{her} Denson

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of May 1789 This Will was proved by the Oaths of Mills Denson & Rebecca Denson two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded Sam. Kille C^l

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Humphrey Denson

Inventory	Appraisal	Inventory	Appraisal
1 Negro Servant	50 0 0	1 Parcel of Lumber	" 3 6
1 S. Lumber	30 - -	1 Chest 2 ^{ds} - one fat 2 ^{ds} 3 ^{ds}	" 15 -
1 S. Cloth	18 - -	1 Parcel of Powder 12 ^{lb} one Chest 3 ^{ds}	" 8 0
1 S. Tannery	40 - -	Knives & forks 2 - a 1 st plate 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	" 4 6
1 S. Clothing	20 - -	1 Looking Glass 2 ^{ds} - 2 books 3 ^{ds}	" 12 -
7 Sheep	2 9 -	1 Skin of Leather 1 st 2 nd 3 rd - 3 one 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	" 8 -
6 Hogs	3 - -	3 Sheep skins 1 st one fat & one 1 st 2 nd 3 rd	" 9 6
13 Cattle	27 - -	1 Tying 1 st 2 nd 3 rd - one safe 3 ^{ds}	" 3 -
1 Parcel of Corn	37 - -	2 ^{ds} Cotton Cards	" 6 -
1 Parcel of Cotton Corn	1 10 -	1 Seling Chair	" 11 9
1 st 2 nd 3 rd Furniture	5 - -	1 Pigpen	" 7 -
1 S. 1 st one S. 1 st 2 nd	6 - -	1 st 2 nd 3 rd Cart wheels	" 8 -
1 Parcel of Cotton	" 18 -	1 Binding Iron & Iron	" 8 -
1 Parcel of Rice	" 11 -		