

In the name of God amen I **Ralph Dawson**
Sen^r of Talbott County being Sick of body but of
perfect & Sound memory thanks to almighty God
for the same, and knowing y^e uncertainty of this
fraile & mortall life am willing to settle my worldly
affairs before my Departure hence therefore I do
hereby make ordain & appoint this my last will &
testam^t hereby annulling Revoking & making
(Void)

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Void all former & other wills whatsoever by me at anytime heretofore made and done §

First § I Bequeath my soul into y^e hands of Almighty God who gave it me in Sure & Certain hopes of a blessed resurrection thro[^] the merritts and intercession of my Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ my Body I Committ to the Ground and order it to be Decently Inteard according to the Discretion of my Ex^{or} hereafter Named §

2^{dly} § I give & bequeath to my Loving wife Mary Dawson my now Dwelling plantation wth Dwelling house & other small buildings adjoin=
=ing Thereunto & one tobacco house or what other Buildings may or shall be on y^e said plantacon at my decease y^t is to Say on y^t part or moiety of my said Land hereafter named & appointed her being part of a tract of land Called & known by the name of Lostock being for her part and parcel at marked red oake standing near Harrisses Creek side a little below y^e now Dwelling house & running From y^e said oake east to the western branch of a creek Called Second Creek & then the Severall courseys of y^e pattent to the northermost bounds thereof & thence the Severall Courses of the same pattent to y^e first bounded tree of the afd tract of Land being a pine Standing upon a poynt on y^e afd Harrises Creek Side & running wth the Said Creek to y^e first named Read oake all w^{ch} Said Land I give to
(my)

my Said wife dureing her naturall life & Imme=
=diately after her decease to my three **Daughters**
Elizabeth Mary & Ellinor Dawson to be Equally
Divided amongst them or so many of them as shall
be then living or to y^e heirs of their bodys lawfully
begotten of any living at that time.

3^{dly} §

I give & bequeath to my Loving **Son Joseph Dawson**
all the remainder part of my Land Called Lostock
as also one other tract called **Lostocks Addition** Cont^{ng}
Fifty acres according to Surveys w^{ch} sd part or
parcell is to begin at the first named red oake
standing neare Harrises Creek Side & running down
the said Creek its Severall Courses Southerly to the
End of the Lines contained wthin y^e afd Pattent as
also Including the above named fifty acres of
land called Lostocks addition all w^{ch} Said Lands
I give to my afd Son Joseph Dawson & to y^e heirs
of his Body lawfully Begotten y^t is y^e male heirs
& so to decend to y^e nxt male heirs forever Begotten of
him & for want of Such Male heirs to my loving
son Richard Dawson & to the lawful heirs of his
body for ever & for want of such male heirs of his
body to my loving **son Robert Dawson** to the lawful
male heirs of his body forever & for want of such
male heirs of his body to decend to the next male
heir of the name of Dawson & so to decend forever §

4^{thly} §

I give & bequeath to my loving Sons Rich^d Dawson
& Rob^t Dawson & to their heirs 300 acres of Land
(to)

to ly and be wth in Talbott County w^{ch} said Lands
is now in the Possition of my **sons Ralph Dawson
& John Dawson** & is to be made over by my afd
Sons Ralph & John accordingly to a bond past
to me by them & in case my said Sons Ralph Dawson
& John Dawson shall refuse or delay to make
over the said Lands according to bond to my
afd Sons Richard & Robert y^t then my sd sons
Rich^d & Robert Dawson shall have Right &
party to the Said Bond & y^t sume of tob^o
therein Contained shall be theirs for their parte
of my Estate §

5^{thly} § I give & bequeath to my loving wife all my
psonall Estate Dureing her remaining a widdow
& if in Case She Marrys; Each Child to receive his
or her parte of all my Estate at y^e age of 20 years

6^{thly} § I give & bequeath to my loving sons Ralph Dawson & John Dawson
five Shill^s each & to my **Daughter Marg^t Bullen**
five Shill^s & to my **Son James Dawson** one fether
Bedd without Furniture §

7^{thly} & Lastly I nominate & appoint my loving wife
Mary Dawson my whole & Sole Ex^{tr} of this
my last will & testam^t in Wittness whereof
I have interchanably sett to my hand affixed
my Seale this 10th day of Aprill anno Dni 1706
Signed Sealed Delivered

in y^e p^rsence of us -

Ralph Dawson Sen^r [seal]

his
Daniel Sherwood, John I James

her Eliz^a his H James mark Edw^d his B Baning
mark mark

July y^e 8th 1706

Then came the within named Mary Dawson wid^w Ex^{tr}
of the wthin will & Caused y^e Said Will to be proved
before me the subscriber Dty Com for Talbott County
which said will was accordingly appved in due forme
& Daniell Sherwood John James & Eliz^a his wife
three of the Wittnesses thereunto Subscribed.

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Rob^t Hinley Dep Com^r