

In the name of God amine. I James Davis
being weak in body & sound mind and memory do
make and declare this my last Will and Testament.

As for the worldly Estate with which God has ble-
ssed me. I bequeath in the manner following. It is my
Will that all my Just debts be first paid. -
I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Deborah
Davis the whole Tract of Land on which I live when
at home on the West fork of Red River, to my son
William D. Davis until he is the age of twenty one years
after that time I leave her my said beloved wife
the one third of said tract of land enduring her life
and of any part she chooses. I also leave her my said
wife my Negroes Chloe and David for ever to dispose
of as she thinks fit. I also leave her all my other Neg-
roes to my son Abraham Miller Davis until he is to
the age of twenty one, and for the purpose of raising
and schooling my children, I leave her the whole
Remainder of my moveable Estate, after my debts
is paid but should it be more convenient for her
to sell a Negro or Negroes to pay my debts it is my
Will she shall sell any of them she chooses for that purpose
and it is my Will for her to keep the property or sell
it at her pleasure without being accountable to any
person for any of it. I further Will to my two sons
Wm. D. Davis and Abraham Miller Davis the above
mentioned tract of land to be equally divided betw-
can them Quantity and Quality. Each to bear

their proportion of their Mothers thirds to them the
heirs of assigns It is my that in Consuence of god
the said, my two sons shall each of them pay to
each of their Sisters (viz) Betsy, Sally, and Patty
forty pounds before they arrive at the age of twenty
four. I Will to my Sara three daughter Betsy
Sally, & Patty my negroes that is not other wise
disposed of to be equally divided between them
as soon as my son Abraham Miller Davis arrives
to the age of Twenty one years of age. - I do hereby
appoint my beloved wife Deborah Davis the sole
Exectrix of this my last Will and Testament and
I do hereby empower her to make a deed or conveyance
to Brewer Reeves for three hundred acres of land
which I sold him on which he now lives. I do hereby
Revoke any former Will by me heretofore made
and as declare this my last Will and Testament in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 9th day of February 1797. Signed
and Sealed in presence of,
Thos. M. Murby, J. Davis (seal)
Am Miller

At July County Court 1797 this Will was
- bited in Court by the Oaths of Deborah Davis
- as and Brewer Reeves and agreed to be
- certified and at August County Court
following was fully proved by the Oaths
Thos. M. Murby and Abm. Miller two
Subscribing Witnesses thereto and
to be recorded. - Wm. D. Davis