

# RECORD OF WILLS.

and considering the frailty of human nature and knowing that all flesh must yield unto death when soever and when it shall please God to call them I do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz:-

Imprimis. I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved grandson Thomas Davis son to my son Joshua Davis my share or part of the land of my brother Asaiah Davis when it is divided and my negro boy named Perso the use of which I bind to my son Joshua Davis till he is of age. I say give the above property to Thomas Davis to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Davis two hundred and thirty six acres of land on the north east side of the north west branch of the Cape Fear river It being the plantation purchased of William Lucas together with the improvements there on and a negro boy named Jim to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved son Thomas Davis the plantation whereon I used to live It containing five hundred acres of land and a negro woman named Dotter to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Sarah Davis my negro girl named Hannah to her and her heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Ann Davis my negro girl named Betty to her and her heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Davis a negro girl named Jean to her and her heirs forever.

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife Susannah Davis all my moveable together with all my household furniture

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and my negro woman named Fena during her life or widowhood but in case of either her death or marriage the property to be equally divided among my children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Richard Pitzer of the State and County aforesaid together with my well beloved wife Susannah Davis my sole and whole executors of this my last Will and Testament by me made dissolving all former wills and confirming and ratifying this to be my true and last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date afore mentioned.

Signed sealed pronounced and acknowledged in the presence of us who in the presence of each other have attested the same William Riley witness James Russ witness

Turner <sup>his</sup> Davis Seal mark

In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Clark of the County of Beaufort North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and Testament and desire it may be received by all such.

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Supremis. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits and mediation of our most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him beseeching him to make intercession for them and who trust will not reject me a sinner when I come to him for mercy. I thus hope I render my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious trinity one God most holy most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and thus to take me whithersoever he will to that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he hath prepared for all who love and fear his holy name. Blessed be God.

Embrenis. I give my body to the earth from and from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrection at the last day as for my burial I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence as to my worldly estate I will positively order that all my just debts be paid.

I give to my dear and loving wife Mary the house and plantation wherein I now live likewise one Negro fellow named Prince one wench named Rachel and one fellow that is paid for not received yet from Northbrook and which is Augustus if she should come back and money to buy another and if that wench Bet. which we have is in Augustus should be had back or should buy a wench with the money that is in the house then Rachel and her increase to belong to my daughter

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Elizabeth and likewise I give to my wife one third of one half of a sawmill likewise and equal share of all household furniture or house cattle ship horse &c during her life for the bringing up and giving Luke two years schooling.

I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William one half of five hundred and fifty acres of poor land where I now live and one half of seventeen hundred acres of back land and the other half of both parcels of land to my son Luke the lower part of the river land to belong to Luke at the death of his mother and at the death of my wife the negro to be divided between William and Luke and providing my son Thomas should come back again. I desire he may have an equal share with William and Luke of lands and every thing else and if the negro should not be sold from Augustus nor they cannot purchase another then Rachel to remain with my wife till her death and afterwards to belong to my daughter Elizabeth.

I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one hundred and ten acres of land joining James Woodhads upper land.

I leave Mary my wife executrix William Clack Samuel Cain Executors.

Signed sealed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1783, in the presence of us.

Robert Council }  
Daniel Beard }  
John Robison }  
Benja. Clack Seal