

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the Name of God "Amen"

I James Clardy of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak but of Perfect Mind and Memory Charles begins with God. Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say primarily and first of all,

I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body, I do recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as knowing such worldly estate wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

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Then

That all my lawful debts be paid out of my Estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one Negro man named Sambo, and one Negro woman named Rebecca to be possessed by her during her life and no longer than to be equally divided among all my children.

Then

I give and bequeath to my wife all my household goods during her life or widowhood and no longer than to be equally divided among all my children.

My lands I give to be equally divided between my sons. My wife having her share in my plantation during her natural life.

Then

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Dorothea Shaw one Negro named Rachel that is to say if she lives to have issue, if not it to be mine part of my estate and to be divided among all my children.

I will that the remainder part of my estate be divided among my children also.

Then

I do constitute make and ordain, Portian Hargrove William Boyan, Samuel and James Shipman Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

"End"

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And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every former Testament. These Signatures bequests and Executors by me any time before named made or begun, ratified and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Signed Sealed Published and Delivered by the said James Clardy as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed Our names.

Wm. Pittman
William Bigford
Abraham Bradley

James Clardy Seal

In the Name of God "Amen"

I Edward Davis of Bladen County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do this the 20th day of January 1780 do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

Impressed, I commend my soul to God who gave it in hope &c &c. And as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in manner and form as follows I order all my just debts to be paid and my funeral expenses. All the remainder left my estate to be equally divided between my children and

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grandson viz: my son Edward Greenwood William and John Burghin Davis. My daughter Mary and Margaret Davis my daughter Mary Blocker is to be paid by my Executors five shillings 600 & his sons having an equal share with my other children each of my children is to have their equal share paid to them when they come of age.

My Executors or the Court to appoint three more to value my estate and divide the same according to the value of the same & divide that as each of my children takes their part as above they shall before they receive the same give bond and good security and pay ready to my surviving wife Margaret Davis the sum of three pounds and eleven shillings pence money or any other article she may want.

The same to pass as man's provisions and goods did in the year 1775. My wife Mary Joe, Daniel and Hannah be willed out to the best advantage their wages yearly after paying for schooling my sons as much as may be thought needful by my Executors Taxes and other necessary expenses is paid the remainder with what other profits may be made out of my estate to be put out at interest for the use of the remainder of my children who may not have received their part of my estate.

My wife as long as she remains a widow to live on the plantation with the children that may not be of age, and to keep all the stock and so forth that may be left after and division and take as good care as possible for the good of the children that may have not got their part. But in case any of my children should not agree with their mother to live with them or choose Guardians and so forth they shall each of them so choosing Guardians or otherwise as well as my grandson Edward Davis Blocker give unto my wife Margaret Davis bond and

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security to pay her yearly the above sum seven pounds three shillings pence in money provisions or other goods that she may want at the above value.

And I further leave my stile and all debts and appurtenments belonging to the same above to my son William his share of my said estate and that after my decease I order that my negroes shall be sold to the best advantage by my Executors and the money put out to interest.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint John Burghin Esq. Mr. Benj^m Stone and my son Edward Greenwood Davis whom of age Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Revoking all other wills allowing and confirming this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. The day and year first above said.

acknowledged published and declared in presence of William McKee Josiah Standon Margaret McKee

Edward Davis (Seal)

In the name of God Amen The 25th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four

I James Davis of the State of North Carolina Bladen County being sick of body but of perfect sound mind and thanks be to Almighty God for the same