

no other to be my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first herein written.

David Davis

Signed, sealed, published  
pronounced & declared by  
He within named David  
Davis as his last will &  
Testament in the presence

of us.

Jonath<sup>n</sup> Evans  
Thos. Walker  
Thos. Jones

Bladen - Sept. 1741

The within Will was proved in open Court by the oath  
of Jonathan Evans & he swore he saw David Davis execute  
said will & that he believed him to be then in his proper  
senses & that he also saw Thomas Jones & Thomas Walker  
sign as Concurring at the same time

Jno Clayton, Clk.

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1742

William Surtram, Executor of the within will this day  
appeared before me and qualified himself by taking the oath  
by law appointed for qualifications of Executors.

J. Montgomery, C.

## Will of Thomas Davis

North Carolina

Bladen County

In the name of God, Amen, the second  
day of October 1761, I, Thomas Davis of the County aforesaid  
being of perfect mind & memory, Thanks be given unto God, do  
make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say,  
I first order that after my decease there shall be a likely  
young Negro wench bought and given to my daughter in law  
Katherine Gready and likewise another Negro of the same age  
bought and given to my daughter Mary Gready both to be purchased  
with the money that I shall leave, and likewise one hundred  
& seventy pounds which is due upon three Negroes which is upon  
mortgage. I leave to be equally divided betwixt the two girls  
Katherine & Mary. I likewise give to my daughter Mary Gready  
all my tract of Land Containing five hundred acres (joining  
to Secutary River back Land) to her & her heirs forever. Likewise  
to my beloved wife I give and bequeath the Plantation where  
I now live with the House and all the Household furniture  
besides all the Cattle, Horses & Roggs hereunto belonging (she  
making of no waste) during her widowhood and further I desire  
that after my wifes marriage or death the plantation  
where I now live I give to my daughter Katharine Gready  
to her & the heirs of her body forever & further order that all  
the Household goods, Cattle, Horses & Roggs to be equally  
divided betwixt the two girls Katharine & Mary Gready. Likewise  
I order that John Mitchell shall be paid Twenty Pounds Proc.  
by my Executors, after all my just debts is paid, Likewise  
I give to my Brother William Davis one shilling Sterling.  
Likewise I constitute William Davis & John Lucas to be my  
Executors to see this my last Will & Testament to be Confirmed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the  
day & year above written.

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Davis

Signed, sealed, published  
pronounced & declared by Thos. Davis  
as his last Will & Testament in presence of

Ralph Miller  
Thos. Newton

North Carolina

Bladen County

Be it known to all men by these presents  
that whereas I, Thomas Davis of the County aforesaid

have made and declared my last Will & Testament in writing, bearing date the second day of October 1761, & the said Thomas Davis by this presents Codicil, do hereby confirm my said Last Will & Testament, Except my two Executors Will<sup>ts</sup> Davis & John Lucas, for in their Room and stead I do constitute & appoint Thomas Owen & my loving wife Ann Davis my Executors & Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament and it is my Will and meaning, that this Codicil or schedule be, and be adjudged to be a part and parcel of my said Last Will & Testament, and that all things herein mentioned and Contained, be faithfully and truly performed, and as fully and Ampley in every respect, as if the same were so declared and set down in my said Last Will and Testament. Witness my hand & seal this fourth day of June 1764

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Davis  
Mark

Test.

Tho<sup>rs</sup> Hall  
John Root  
Ralph Miller

Bladen May Court 1769

The within Will and Codicil annex<sup>d</sup> then  
prov<sup>d</sup> in open Court.

Arthur Howe, Clerk Court

## Will of Thomas Thomas

In the Name of God Amen. I, Thomas Thomas of the Province of North Carolina & County of Bladen being weak in body but of sound memory (Blessed be God) do this fifth Day of March & in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty eight make & publish this my Last Will & Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I give & Bequeath unto my Loving wife Prudence Thomas one Hundred acres of Land Being the Plantation where I now live likewise I give unto her the s<sup>t</sup> Prudence Thomas ten Cows & Calves also I give unto my dear wife all the moveables of my Estate Except a Bed & furniture I give to my Daughter Phoebe Thomas and to my Daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Thomas I give a Bed & furniture & a Chest of Drawers the land above mentioned after the decease of my Beloved wife I give & Bequeath unto my son Samuel Thomas & his heirs & assigns forever also to my son Joseph Thomas I give the sum of five shillings. Also I give unto Can<sup>ts</sup> Thomas the sum of five shillings Also I give unto my son Thomas Thomas one Hundred acres of Land Lying in the province above s<sup>d</sup> & County of Craven on the flat swamp also I give unto my sons John Thomas & Amos Thomas two Hundred & twenty acres of Land Lying on Dunks Creek to be equally divided between each of them Also Eight Head of Cattle to be equally divided between them Each also I give unto my son Samuel Thomas Eight Head of Cattle. Also I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Thomas a Bed, Also I give unto my Daughter Priscilla Tunn the sum of five shillings. And I make & ordain her my above s<sup>d</sup> wife Executrix and my son Cornelius Thomas my Executor of this my will in Trust for the intents & purposes in this my will Contained to take Care & see the same performed according to my true intent & meaning.

In Witness whereof I the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Thomas have to this my Last Will & Testament set my hand & seal the Day & year above written.  
Thomas Thomas (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & Delivered by the s<sup>d</sup>  
Thomas Thomas as & for his Last Will & Testament

in the Presence of us, who were present of us, who were present at the signing & sealing thereof  
Josiah Evans  
for Evans, Junier

Proved April Court 1758 by the oath of  
Jas<sup>ts</sup> Evans. In Benjamin