

William
Davies
Last Will
& Testament

In the name of God Amen I William Davis in the County of Franklin
and Colony of Virginia this Seventeenth day of January in the Year of our Lord one
Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety do make and declare this my last Will and
Testament Revoking all other and former Wills in manner and form following
first I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to be
Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. Vis, I give and bequeath
to my Dear beloved Wife Ruth all my household furniture and all my Horses &
Cattle after paying her Proportionable Part of all my Just Debts & funeral
Expences also I give the lower Part of my Land Taking one half the Clear land
where I now Live to my Wife (during) a Single Line across the Plantation, During
her Natural Life then to Second to my son Lewis Davis and his heirs for ever
also I give to my son Lewis Davis all my Lands adjoining his Mothers Laying up the
Creek near to a Branch that Adam Barnes now Lives on only leaving the bounds
out till it comes near the creek to the Bent of the Branch where it turns down the
Creek then to cross the Branch and then to run a Direct Line with the
Branch to a South Line, also I give my son Lewis all my Lands Except the
upper part of my old Tract Lying up the Creek above the Branch that
Adam Barnes now lives on and that I give to my Daughter Lucy Barnes and to her
heirs for ever after Paying her third of the Just Debt and funeral Charges
also I give to my son Lewis Davis my Rifle Gun and Shot Bag after Paying
one third of the Just Claims Against the estate, the hole I will to my son
is to him and his heirs for ever, And Lastly I do Nominate and Appoint my
son Lewis Davis and my son in Law Adam Barnes to be my Executors of this my last
Will and Testament to Collect my debts and discharge as they think Proper In writing
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year first Above Written
William Davis (Seal) Signed Sealed Published and delivered by the said William
Davis as his last Will and Testament In presence of us the Subscribers
John S. Davis
George Thomas
Hannah Richardson
William Porter

his
William Davis L.S.
mark

At a Court held for Franklin County on Monday the first day of May 1799. The
Within Last Will and Testament of William Davis Dec^d was Exhibited in Court
by Lewis Davis one of the Executors therein named and Proved by the Oath of four
of the witnesses thereunto subscribed & Adam Barnes the other Executor therein named
Subjects to the Probate of said Will but Ordered to be Recorded by the Court &
at a Court held for said County on Monday the 11th day of January 1791. The
said Lewis Davis Executor of William Davis Dec^d came into Court and
Qualified as an Executor of the last Will & Testament of the said William Davis
Dec^d & with William Thompson George Thomas & John England his depositions Entered
into Record & Acknowledges the same

Teste The Court C.C.

Justices
for
Lewis & Son

Know all men by these Presents that we Lewis Davis William Thompson George Thomas & John England are held and firmly bound to Moses Green Thomas Hale John Dickenson & David Boston Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Franklin County now sitting in the sum of one Thousand Pound current Money of Virginia To the which Payment whenof well and Truly to be Made to the said Justices & their Successors in Bond on selves and Each of us our and Each of our heirs Executors & Administrators Jointly and severally jointly by these Presents sealed with our seals this fourth Day of January 1791

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Lewis Davis Executor of the Last will and Testament of William Davis Dec^d do make or Cause to be made a True & Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said William Davis Dec^d that may Come to his hands or into his hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for him and the same so made do Exhibit in the County Court of Franklin at such times as shall be thereunto required by the said Court and the same Goods and Chattles and Credits & all other the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Dec^d which at any time after shall Come to the hands Possession or Knowledge of the said Lewis Davis or into the hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for him do well and Truly Administer according to Law & further do make a Just and True account of all his Actings & Doings therein when thereto required by the said Court and also shall well and Truly pay and Deliver all the Legacies Content and Specified in the said Testament as far as the said Goods Chattles & Credits will Therunto Extend and the Law shall Charge this obligation to be Void and None Effect or Else remain in full force Power and Virtue

Lewis Davis. L.S.
William Thompson. L.S.
George Thomas. L.S.
John England. L.S.

At a Court held for Franklin County on Monday the 8th Day of January 1791
The within Bond was acknowledged by the within Named Parties to be their several Acts and Deeds and the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
The Smith. C.C.

This Indenture Made this Thirtieth day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety one By Ruth Davis widow of William Davis Dec^d of Franklin County and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that I the said Ruth Davis do Declare that I will not take or Except the Provision Made for me by the will of William Davis my said Husband Dec^d or any Part thereof and do by these Presents for ever Renounce all Benefit I might have Received or Claimed by the said will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my seal this day and Year first above written

In Presence of us

Swingfield Hill
Samuel Webb
David S. Schell
Joseph Webb

Ruth Davis *LS*
mark

At a Court held for Franklin County on February 1791 The within & Pelingas above was Acknowledged By the within named Ruth Davis and the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste The Smiths CCC

January 10th 1791

<i>Inventory</i>	<i>1 Mare £10</i>	<i>1 Womans Saddle 30s</i>	<i>15th Old Feathers 30s</i>	<i>£ 13..0.0</i>
<i>of the Estate</i>	<i>1 Bed and furniture 10s</i>	<i>1 Bedstead & Wood 5s</i>	<i>1 Old Floor Wheel 5s</i>	<i>2..10 —</i>
<i>Wm Davis Dec^d</i>	<i>1 W Old Saddle (Bags 3s)</i>	<i>1 Drawing Knife 1/3</i>	<i>1 Hackle 6s</i>	<i>.. 10..3</i>
	<i>1 Box Iron 7s</i>	<i>1 Plates & old Bowls 12s</i>	<i>1 Pair 2/6 1 Point 3s</i>	<i>1..4..0</i>
	<i>1 Bag 1/4</i>	<i>1 W Compas 1/6</i>	<i>1 Truss 1/6</i>	<i>.. 17..0</i>
	<i>1 6 Gallon Pot & Hooks 10s</i>	<i>1 Small Pot 5s</i>	<i>1 Cow & Hatin 10s</i>	<i>3.. —</i>
	<i>1 Hicper 30s</i>	<i>1 Mans Saddle 18s</i>	<i>1 Grey Mare £6</i>	<i>2..8 —</i>
	<i>1 Sole 10s</i>			<i>.. 6 —</i>
				<i>£ 29..15..9</i>

The above is the Appraisment of the Estate of William Davis Dec^d against to an order of Court to us Directed

Daniel Brown
Swingfield Hill
Thomas Hale

At a Court held for Franklin County in February 1791, The within Inventory of the Estate of William Davis Dec^d was Returned into Court & the same was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
The Smiths CCC