

James City Co. Virginia Wills and Estates 1865-1887

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I, Benjamin Allen Davis of James City Co. in the State of Virginia do make and declare this my last will and testament on the 11th day of September 1872.

First I commit my soul to Almighty God, trusting to obtain forgiveness for all my transgressions through the mediation of his blessed Son.

I direct that my personal Estate of every kind be sold, that all my debts be paid, and that the entire residue be securely invested.

I further direct that my real Estate be sold as soon as my Executor shall in his discretion think it expedient so to do, and the proceeds realized by such sale be securely invested.

I also direct that all the income & profits arising from the judicious investment of the proceeds of both my personal and real Estates be annually or oftener paid to my beloved wife Sarah Elizabeth Davis during her natural life.

I direct that after her death my Estate be divided into four equal parts and that the Children of my Brother Ryland Davis shall have one of these parts, the Children of my Brother Joshua Davis one of these parts, the Children of my brother Tyler Davis one of these parts, and the Children of my Brother John the remaining part.

I direct that no one of these children should receive his part or share until he or she shall become of age.

Until my real Estate is sold, all the rents and profits realized from it are to be paid to my wife till her death, as above directed, in relation to the income & profits obtained by investing the proceeds of the sale of my personal & real Estate.

I hereby select and appoint Benjamin J. Ewell, to be my Executor.

It is my wish that my affairs be wound up and my Estate settled as soon as it is proper and practicable.

Acknowledged and signed in the presence of

Leonard Bentley

H. S. Taylor.

B. A. Davis.

Seal

At a Quarterly Court held for James City County and the City of Williamsburg, at the Courthouse thereof in said City on Tuesday the 11th day of September 1872.

A writing bearing date on the fourth day of September 1872 purporting to be

of Benjamin A. Davis, second and next of kin to the testator,

in James City Co. Virginia Wills and Estates 1805-1887

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I also direct that all the income & profits arising from the judicious investment of the proceeds of both my personal and real Estates be annually or oftener, paid to my beloved wife Sarah Elizabeth Davis during her natural life.

I direct that after her death my Estate be divided into four equal parts and that the Children of my Brother Ryland Davis shall have one of these parts, the Children of my Brother Joshua Davis one of these parts, the Children of my brother Tyler Davis one of these parts, and the Children of my Brother John the remaining part.

I direct that no one of these children should receive his part or share until he or she shall become of age.

Until my real Estate is sold, all the rents and profits realised from it are to be paid to my wife till her death, as above directed, in relation to the income & profits obtained by investing the proceeds of the sale of my personal & real Estate.

I hereby Select and Appoint Benjamin S. Ewell, to be my Executor.

It is my wish that my affairs be wound up and my Estate settled as soon as it is proper and practicable.

Acknowledged and signed in the presence of

Leonard Bentley

B. S. Davis.

No. S Taylor.

(Seal)

At a Quarterly Court held for James City County and the City of Williamsburg, at the Courthouse thereof in said City on

Tuesday the 11th day of September 1872.

A writing bearing date on the fourth day of September 1872 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin A Davis deceased, was this day produced in Court, and upon the testimony of N. S. Taylor and Leonard Bentley, two subscribing witnesses thereto, who made oath that Benjamin A Davis, acknowledged and subscribed the same as his last Will and Testament in their presence, they all being present at the same time, and that the said N. S. Taylor and Leonard Bentley, at the request of said testator, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other subscribed the same as witnesses, which said Will and Testament being fully proven to the satisfaction of Court. It is ordered that the said writing bearing date on the 4th day of September 1872 be admitted and for the last Will & Testament of Benjamin A Davis deceased

Probated
James City Co. Va.