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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 4th 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 Estate 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 S. Sewell. 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 Henley
H. S. Taylor.

B. A. Davis.

(Signature)

(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 10th 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. signed and sealed by said

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.

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

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

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John. A. Brown et al.