

I Robert Davis of Rockingham & State of Virg.<sup>a</sup>  
do make and Ordain my last will & Testament  
in manner & Form following that is to say -  
It is in the first place my desire that all my  
just debts and my Funeral expences should be  
paid by my Ex<sup>rs</sup> herein after to be named, In  
the number of my debts there are some which  
cannot now be ascertained & which from the  
nature of the transactions the person to whom  
they are due may not be able to Establish  
as the Law requires such of these as my ex<sup>ors</sup>  
may believe to be just it is my desire they  
should pay. I Give and bequeath to Wife Nancy  
Daviss my Negro Woman Aemy with her Issue  
to her and her heirs forever, I likewise give to my  
said wife my negro man Harry for & during the  
term of her natural life & I leave to her during the  
term of her Natural life my house and plantation  
with all the household and Kitchen furniture &

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term of her Natural life my house and plantation  
with all the household and kitchen furniture &  
all the plantation utensils and all the stock of  
every description - It is my desire that my Negro  
man Tom may be immediately sold after my  
decease - After the death of my wife it is my  
desire & will that all my property Real &  
personal may be sold & the amo<sup>t</sup> of said  
sale divided equally amongst all my children

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Will I have been in the  
my Exors for each of my Children to wit James  
Honey Dares, James Dares, John Dares,  
Dares, Samuel Dares & Ruth Dares, that they  
be charged with whatever their Mother may think  
proper to spare them out of my estate during  
life & when any of them may marry or leave the  
Family: & it is my will that the Amot of the  
charges may be deducted out of the parts of  
particularly when the Division of my estate  
the decease of my wife shall take place.  
I constitute & ordain my Brothers James D  
and Walter Dares Exors. of this my will, I  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal this eleventh day of Sept  
Signed Sealed published  
and delivered in presents  
of — — — Robert Dares —

Particularly when the Division of my estate  
 the decease of my wife shall take place  
 I constitute & ordain my Brothers James D.  
 and Walter Davis Exors. of this my Will, &  
 Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and affixed my seal this eleventh day of Sept.  
 signed Sealed published  
 and delivered in presence of  
 of  
 Benjamin  
 Ruth Davis

Robert Davis

Rockingham November Court 1804

The last will and testament of Robert Davis  
 deceased was presented in court and proven

Oaths of the witnesses thereto, & Ordered that  
 on the Motion of James Davis one of the executors therein named  
 and with security entered into and approved as lawfully

James Wills, who entered into portents & covenants  
 with the said Robert Davis in his last will & testament  
 as the law is in that behalf made in the Statute in that behalf made  
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