

# Will of John A Davis

Georgia

Bryan County In the name of God so let it be  
I John A Davis of said State and County,  
being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly  
depart this life. I deem it right and proper both  
as respects to myself and family, that I should  
make a disposition of the property with which a kind  
providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will  
and testament hereby revoking & annulling all others heretofore  
made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a  
decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances  
and condition in life. I commit my soul to God who  
gave it with hope of Salvation through the merits of  
our blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion  
I have professed and as I hope have enjoyed for the last  
forty eight years.

Item 2nd I direct that all my just debts be paid  
by my Executors.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved Son  
J. B. Davis and the heirs of his body one hundred  
acres of pine land in said County, bounded on  
three sides by R. Smith's land and on the other by  
myself.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter  
Julian A Davis and the heirs of her body one hundred  
acres of pine land in said County bounded on three  
sides by R. Smith's land and on the other by my-  
self.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved Son  
James B Davis and my beloved daughter Lillian  
A Davis, the old Homestead Tract of land where  
I now live on, containing eighty acres more or  
less to have and to hold unless sold from one to the  
other.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to My beloved daughter Laura A. Davis one Hundred Dollars out of My Estate.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to My beloved Wife Mary A. Davis fifty Dollars in Money out of My Estate, and one bed & bedstead to be worth Twenty five Dollars, & one Spring wheel worth Six Dollars, & one black Heifer Cow named

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to My beloved daughter Lillian M. Davis as named in the 5<sup>th</sup> Item, eight Head of Stock Cattle, Marked Swallow fork & under bit in one ear, crop and two splits in the other, and now claimed by her, and also six Head of Stock Hogs Marked Swallow fork in one ear & Hole in the other and now claimed by her

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to My granddaughter Laura F. Davis two Head of Stock Cattle Marked Split in each ear, and now claimed by her

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Lillian R. Rich the Sum of five Dollars, out of My Estate as I desire that she have nothing more from My Estate.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I desire and direct that Sarah Apples & John P. Banks have nothing more from My Estate as they have already had all I intended for them to have.

Item 12<sup>th</sup> I desire and direct that all the property not mentioned in this My last will directs, then should there be any left, then to be divided between J. H. B. Davis, Juliana Davis, Laura Potter & Mary A. Davis, they to her and share a like.

Item 13<sup>th</sup> I constitute and appoint My trusty and worthy friend George M. Brown and J. H. B. Davis My Executors to this My last will and Testament.

Signed Sealed and declared & published by John A Davis as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said testator and of each other, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1887

John P. Clarke  
John L. Corvant  
B. W. Sherman

Georgia } Bryan Court of Ordinary  
Bryan County } August Term 1887  
Personally appeared J. P. Clarke and J. L. Corvant  
Subscribing witnesses to the annexed instrument of  
writing purporting to be the last will and testament  
of J. A. Davis late of said county deceased, who  
being duly sworn depose and say that they  
were present and did see the said instrument  
of writing duly executed by the said J. A. Davis,  
and depose further and say that the said  
J. A. Davis at the time of executing the said  
instrument of writing was to the best of  
deponents knowledge & belief of sound and  
disposing mind memory & understanding  
and that J. P. Clarke & J. L. Corvant in the  
presence of each other and in the said  
J. A. Davis and at his request did sign  
our names as witnesses to the due execution  
of the same

J. P. Clarke  
J. L. Corvant

Brown do and subscribed  
to before me August 1st 1887  
J. B. Brown Ordinary etc

Recorded August 3rd 1887  
J. B. Brown  
Ordinary etc