

Record of the last Will & Testament of John Davis

Georgia. In the name of God Amen
Clay County I John Davis of the State and County aforesaid
being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart
from this world deem it right and proper both as regards myself
and family that I should make a distribution of the property with
which a kind providence has blessed me I therefore make this my
last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore
made by me

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent &
Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances & condition my
soul I trust shall return to rest with god who gave it as I hope for eter-
nal salvation through the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Item second, I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid
without delay by my executors hereafter named as I am un-
willing my Creditors should be delayed of their rights especially
as there is no necessity for delay

Item Third, I give and devise to my beloved wife Harriet with whom
I have lived in the strictest quiet & love for many years my negro girl
Rhoda about fifteen years of age of dark complexion also one
good mare known as my sorrel mare, four Cows Horses and half
a lot of land Number three hundred and sixty three in the fourth
district of Originally Early now Clay County and one half of
my stock hogs during her natural life or widowhood after which
the same to be given over to my son Thomas R Davis to his & his own
proper use and benefit

Item Fourth, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas R Davis my
negro man Anthony about forty years of age of Yellow complexion
and the remainder half of lot of land Number three hundred
and sixty three (363) in the fourth district of originally Early now
Clay County and the remainder of one half of my stock of hogs
also all my household and kitchen furniture to be used and enjoyed
by him and my wife Harriet Davis during her natural life or widow-
hood as first aforesaid after which to be returned over to the benefit &
use of my son Thomas R. Davis.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Thomas R Davis one two horse wagon
for his own proper use and benefit

Item Fifth The rest of property both real and personal where ever &
whenever it may be I desire & bequeath to my son Duncan James Davis
Nancy Corvart Wif of deceased J Corvart John Davis Edgabeth Davis
Margaret Adams widow of George Adams William H Davis and
Thomas R Davis the property to be sold and equally distributed
made among the heirs after deducting the sum of one hundred
thirty dollars out of any daughter Margaret Adams part

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for which amount I have advanced to the payment of the debt of
her husband George Adams

I then doth I constitute and appoint my beloved sons Duncan James
Davis and Thomas P. Davis (executors) to this my last Will & Testament
John ^{his} + Davis
mark

Signed sealed and delivered and acknowledged by John Davis as his
last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who
subscribed our names heretofore in the presence of said testator
and of each other this 18th day of April 1857

Malcolm M. Corquodale

Seham P. Mills

Abraham Dyson

State of Georgia Before me John H. Jones Ordinary for said County personally
Clay County Came Seham P. Mills & Abraham Dyson & Malcolm M. Cor-
quodale witnesses to the within last will and testament of John Davis
late of said County deceased (and which said last Will & Testament was
produced to this Court by Duncan James Davis and Thomas P. Davis
executors therein appointed) and the said witnesses to said will being duly
sworn depose and say that they saw John Davis the testator sign
seal deliver and publish this instrument here presented as his last will
and testament and without Compulsion freely voluntarily & of his
own accord and without influence of others whatever that at the
time of executing the same said testator was of sound disposing mind
and memory that deponents signed said Will as witnesses in the
presence of the testator and the presence of each other and at his
special instance & request

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July 1857

Jno. H. Jones

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Malcolm M. Corquodale

Seham P. Mills

Abraham Dyson

Ordered to be recorded

July 6 1857 Jno. H. Jones ordy