

# Last Will and Testament of John Davidson Dec<sup>d</sup> Recorded

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen  
 Harris County } I John Davidson of said County and State being of ad-  
 vanced age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing  
 that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as  
 respects my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the  
 property with which a kind Providence has blessed me.

I do therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and  
 annulling all others heretofore made by me.

First. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian  
 like manner,

Secondly I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by  
 my Executors hereinafter appointed.

Thirdly I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth lots of Land  
 numbers Two Hundred and Seventy and Two hundred and seventy one  
 in the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Harris County Georgia, and lots numbers Forty six  
 and Forty seven in the 5<sup>th</sup> District of said County and State, for and  
 during, her natural life only, and at her death to be equally divided  
 between all of my children & the property above bequeathed and devised  
 to my wife to be in lieu of her dower. In all of my Real Estate, I also  
 give and bequeath to my said wife, two mules named Beck and Rhody  
 - Sufficient of farming utensils, Cattle and Hogs to be selected by my  
 Executors - Also my household and kitchen furniture and a Sufficient  
 of provisions for one years support.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife for and during her natural  
 life only, the following negro slaves to wit: Champion a man about  
 thirty years old, and his wife named Sophy, and their children Rich-  
 mond, Fanny and Sally - a negro woman named Gatoe and negro  
 boy named John Francis and negor man named Bob about Twenty  
 one or two years old; and at her death the said negroes to be equally  
 divided between all of my children (except Nancy Hutchinson and  
 Mercy Ann Grant)

Fifthly The balance of my negro property, I devise and direct shall be equally  
 divided between my children, except Nancy Hutchinson and Mercy  
 Ann Grant (having already given to them by deeds of Gift such negroes  
 as I intend them to have, and which negroes given to them and not  
 included in this Item of my Will)

Sixthly - The Reserve of my personal property, not herein already bequeathed, such  
 as Mules, Hogs, Money, notes &c, and also my Land estate not bequea-  
 thed to my wife, shall be equally divided between all of my chil-  
 dren, including Nancy Hutchinson and Mercy Ann Grant.

7<sup>thly</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint Albert Davidson and Eliza David-  
 son Executors of this my last will and Testament.

This August the 7<sup>th</sup> 1860.

John Davidson

Signed, sealed, declared and published by John Davidson as his last  
 Will and Testament in presence of us the undersigned, who subscribe  
 our names here to in the presence of said Testator at his special instance  
 and request and in the presence of each other.

Benjamin Walker

William Parker

Ernestus A. Myhane Jr.

This August the 7<sup>th</sup> 1860



The Last Will and Testament of Jno. Davidson and Recrova Continued

Georgia } Before me came, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1862 at Chambers  
Harris County, } for the purpose of proving the Last Will and Testament  
of John Davidson, two of the witnesses to said Will, viz: Benjamin  
Walker and Fleming Parker; and the Will having been brought  
before me, for Probate, by the executors, Albert Davidson and Thos  
Davidson who have filed a petition for Probate of the same, they  
the said witnesses depose and say of the same, that they saw said  
John Davidson sign, seal, declare and publish the same as his last  
Will and Testament, on the day and year then stated, as execu-  
ted by him; freely, voluntarily of his own accord, without any  
compulsion or undue influence whatever; that they witnessed the  
same at his request, in the presence and in the presence of each  
other, and that he was of sound disposing mind and memory  
when he executed the same — that they saw Gustavus A. Myhr and  
the other subscribing witness sign the same in the presence of the  
said Testator at his request

Benjamin Walker  
Fleming Parker

Suorato & Subscribed

before me this June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Wm. W. Mullins Ordaining