

the said John Ballard was at the execution thereof in  
sound mind and memory. Sealed to an open Court 19<sup>th</sup>  
April 1817.

A Carter Clk.

R. Garrett.

(Gardiner Davis Will)

State of Georgia I in the name of God Amen. I Gardiner  
Jones County Davis of the County and State aforesaid being  
in a weak state of body but in my perfect senses and of  
a sound mind and memory do make bind and ordain this my  
last will and testament in the manner following (to wit)  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah Da-  
vis one feather bed and furniture one horse at the cal-  
culation of sixty dollars. One cow and calf & one negro girl  
named Phillis during her life or widowhood, and at her  
death or marriage the said Phillis and her increase if  
any to go to my oldest daughter Rachel Guess to her and the  
lawful heirs of her body forever. Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my son Ichabod Davis one negro boy named Clier to him  
and his heirs forever. Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
son James Davis one negro boy named Dick to him and his  
heirs forever. Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Dar-  
ling Davis one negro boy named Pool to him and his heirs  
forever. Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Nancy Davis one negro girl named Sarah to her and  
the lawful heirs of her body forever. also one bed + furni-  
ture and one Sorel mare which I have in possession  
and one saddle and bridle. Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my daughter Susannah Burgy one negro girl named  
Mary to her and the lawful heirs of her body forever. Item 7<sup>th</sup>  
I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Allen four hundred  
and thirty dollars to her and her heirs. Item 8<sup>th</sup> I lend my  
daughter Rachel Guess one negro fellow named Jacob  
during the life or widowhood of my beloved wife Susannah  
then said Jacob to be given to my son Darling Davis to him  
and his heirs forever. Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
grand children sons of my son Abraham Davis one negro  
fellow named Thomas to them equally to them and  
their heirs forever. Item 10<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the neg-  
roes given to my son Ichabod Davis and my son  
James Davis and my daughter Nancy Davis be lega-

and all made equally valuable by money arising out of the sale of property hereafter named. Item 1<sup>st</sup> & t is further my will that all the rest of my estate both real and personal be sold and after my just debts are paid the balance be equally divided between my sons Chalobah Davis James Davis and Darling Davis and my daughters Rachel Green Mary Allen and Nancy Davis except my son Darling Davis to have given him further one bed and furniture and one horse and saddle after he becomes of age and to my son James Davis further one bed and furniture. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sons Chalobah Davis and James Davis my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament. I, a witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27<sup>th</sup> of November and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Witness

William Harris

Benjamin Ledbetter

Silar Ledbetter

Gardiner Davis (Seal)

Georgia This day came and appeared in open court of Jones County William Harris who being duly sworn saith that he was present and saw Gardiner Davis execute the foregoing will & declare the same to be his last will and testament and saw Benjamin Ledbetter & Silar Ledbetter subscribe the same as witnesses with himself - That he signed at the request of the said Gardiner Davis and in his presence and in the presence of each other and that the said Gardiner Davis was at the time of the execution thereof of sound mind. Sworn to in open Court and subscribed 3<sup>d</sup> Feby 1817.

A. Carter Clk.William Harris

(William Newberry's Will)

In the name of God Arsent Williams Newberry of the State of Georgia and County of Jones being in health and of sound mind and memory thankes be wrote god for his mercies but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and following just I recommend my soul unto the hands