

Georgia
Monroe County

I Thomas W Davis being of sound disposing mind and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament.

- Item 1st I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my estate should there not be money enough on hand for that purpose.
- Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Mary W Davis all my estate both real and personal during her widowhood to be disposed of in the following manner. That is to say, I direct that she give to each of my unmarried children as they respectively arrive at age or marry the same amount of property, as near as practicable that I have given to my children who have already married, and if my wife should marry then I wish all my property to be divided equally between my wife and my six children, William B Davis, Sarah W Douglass, Elizabeth F Davis, Joseph F Davis, Eliza C Davis and Abalom C Davis taking into account the advancements which may have been made to any of them, and upon the death of my wife, if she should not marry, I wish my property to be divided in like manner between my six children above named.

Item 3rd On account of the disobedience of my Daughter Mary Ann Clements it is my will that she receive none of my property under this will.

Item 4th I hereby nominate and appoint my son William B Davis and my son in law John C Douglass executors of this my last will and testament.

I signed, sealed, published and declared this tenth day of March 1854

In presence of

Elbridge G. Abanip

James W. Knott

Hardaway Collier

Codicil

1st It is my desire that a negro woman by the name of Rachel and her children, Amey and her child be given to my daughter Mary Ann Clements during her life time and at her death to be equally divided between her children.

2nd It is my desire that my executors as soon as practicable should raise and purchase to the amount of six hundred dollars in negro property to be given as the above named negro.

3rd Item I will to my Grand son William B Clements a negro boy by the name of Sam. Monroe County, Ga. Will I signed, sealed, published and declared this tenth day of March 1854

Thomas W Davis
James W. Knott
Hardaway Collier

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Monroe County } Personally appeared before us William S. Norman
 & David Ogletree two of the Justices of the Inferior
 Court of said County, Elbridge Cabaniss & Hardaway Collier two of
 the witnesses to the foregoing will who being duly sworn depose & say
 they saw Thomas W. Davis sign, seal, publish and declare the foregoing for
 his last will & testament, that they in the presence of the testator & at his
 request & in presence of each other & of James W. Knott, attested said will
 as witnesses, that said James W. Knott in the presence of the testator & at
 his request & in presence of deponents attested said will as a witness, that
 said testator at the time of the execution of said will was of sound disposing
 mind & memory & that he executed the same freely, voluntarily, & without
 Compulsion

Sworn to & subscribed before

on this 5 day of January 1846

William S. Norman J. J. C.

David Ogletree J. J. C.

Elbridge Cabaniss
Hardaway Collier

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Monroe County } Personally appeared before us William S. Norman & David
 Ogletree two of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said
 County Thomas Banks, Willis Alexander & Cary Cox, who being duly sworn
 depose & say they saw Thomas W. Davis sign, seal, publish & declare the foregoing
 as a codicil to his last will & testament, that they in the presence of the testator
 & at his request & in presence of each other attested said Codicil as witnesses, that
 the testator at the time of the execution of said Codicil was of sound disposing
 mind & memory & that he executed the same freely, voluntarily, & without com-
 pulsion.

Sworn to & subscribed before us

this 5 day of Jan'y 1846

William S. Norman J. J. C.

David Ogletree J. J. C.

Thomas Banks
Cary Cox
Willis Alexander

The last will & testament of Thomas W. Davis deceased
 having been proven before their Honors William S. Norman & David Ogletree
 upon the oaths of Elbridge Cabaniss & Hardaway Collier two of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto, the Codicil to said will having been proven before said Justices
 upon the oaths of Willis Alexander, Thomas Banks and Cary Cox the witnesses
 to said Codicil

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will & Codicil be
 admitted to record, & that letters testamentary be granted to William W. Davis
 & John C. Douglass the Executors in said will named.

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We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Thomas W Davis deceased so far as we know or believe & that we will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in the said will as far as his goods & chattels will therunto extend & the law charge us, & that we will make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels - So help us God -

John C Douglass
Wm B Davis

Sworn to & subscribed in
Open Court this 10th day of January
1846

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In the name of God, Amen.
I John D Smith of the State of Georgia and County of Monroe, knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, deem it right and proper that I should make a distribution of the property a merciful providence has bestowed upon me, which I hereby do by making this my last will and testament, & reciting all things in manner and form as follows.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved Sister Enos A. Martin one negr girl named Margaret about twelve years of age, and four hundred dollars, which property I give to my said sister Enos for a comfortable natural life, and at her death, to be equally divided among her children and I nominate and appoint Major Mead Lesueur trustee for the property I have given to my said sister Enos & it is my wish that Major Mead Lesueur make any disposition of the five hundred dollars that he may think most advantageous for the benefit of my sister and her children.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Major Mead Lesueur one negr girl named Charlotte about 15 years old and her child.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved Sister Pamela one my Buggy.

Item 4th I give and bequeath the balance of my property both real and personal whatever it may be, and wherever found, to my beloved brother Leonidas L. Smith.

Item 5th For the purpose of carrying these my bequests into execution I do nominate and appoint my brother-in-law Major Mead Lesueur executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of November 1846

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