

# Dioclesion Davis will.

I Dioclesion Davis of the County of Washington & State of Georgia being weak in body but of sound & disposing mind & memory do make this my last will that is to say.

1<sup>st</sup> I lend to my beloved wife Nancy during her natural life the following property to wit: Rose the present cook woman, Peter & Hannah his wife and their children, Mary, Peter Junior also Clara a woman Lucy a girl, Mary, Maniah, York, Caroline & Anthon children and Levi a man with the plantation whereon I now live, together with all my household & kitchen furniture and sufficient farming utensils for the purpose of carrying on the farm, and ten cow, calves and ten head of young cattle, to be selected by my wife one yoke of oxen & cart & sufficient corn fodder a plentiful supply for the first year and the expenses of the farm to be paid by my executors for the first year out of my estate, my wife is to have three head of horses to be chosen by herself & my gig if it is returned, if not one is to be purchased for her by my executors if she wishes it and the blacksmith's tool is to be kept upon the plantation with the property left my wife & twenty head of sheep to be chosen by her. 2<sup>d</sup> I give to my son Baldwin Davis my negro man Ed to be delivered to him by my executors after my death.

3<sup>d</sup> I give to my executors hereinafter to be named in trust for my daughter Nancy, now Nancy MASHON two negroes to wit: <sup>first</sup> a boy and Nancy a girl during the natural life of my said daughter Nancy and to be delivered as hereinafter to be named.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that at my death or soon thereafter as circumstances will admit to be judged of by my executors that all my negroes not already willed away be equally divided by disinterested persons chosen by my executors in nine equal parts and then allotted off to my children by drawing each to have one part or lot.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all the balance of my property not willed away or to be divided both real and personal be sold by my executors as they shall think best and the money equally divided among my children or their representative shall and shall alike except my son Goodram and he is to have none until of the others shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars my son Goodram having had an old negro by the name of Gord.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the property left my wife after her death be divided as the property in the foregoing section that is negroes to be divided and the balance of the property both real & personal to be sold, and the money divided as before stated and after the rest of my children shall have received the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars from the sale then my son Goodram to come in for an equal share of the balance.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all the property which shall fall to the lot of my daughter Nancy of any description to be and the same is hereby given to my executors hereinafter to be named in trust for my said daughter during her natural life and to be equally divided among the

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Children of my said daughter or their representatives share & share alike and it is my will that my executors have complete control of said property and that they have the power to provide an equal part of the profits of said property to and for the support of the child of my said daughter by her first husband John Gayton to wit: Deborah Ann Gayton always having due regard to the number of the family.

I do nominate and appoint my son John Davis and my son in law James Hendrick & John Guilb. my executors to this my last will & testament with full power to arrange my personal as they may think proper and to cause this will into effect hereby revoking all other wills by me made and I do hereby proclaim and publish this to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of

This the 5th May 1830.

Isam B. Saffold

James B. Smith

Mo<sup>her</sup> & Husky

James M. Ellis

Waldwin M. Flukin

James Gaina

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## William T. Taylor (Mile)

In the name of God Amen.

I William T. Taylor of the County of Washington State of Georgia being in common health both of body and mind but desiring to make the uncertainty of life and believing it expedient & proper to dispose of the property with which I have been blessed as near and certain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First & principally I command my son to God & body to his mother's estate and as touching my estate I do give devise & dispose of the same as follows: I leave to my beloved wife Maria Taylor for and during the term of her natural life one half of my plantation and the use of fables, rents &c. also the use of one half of my dwelling house and out houses and the following negro slaves to wit: Pompey, Mary, Celias, Francis, Harriet during her natural life also my cash & cart, my gray horse & buggy, and mule called Charlie her bed & chamber furniture and furniture and to serve her one year, also one third of my plantation tools in kind of cattle also twenty head of stock hogs, five head of sheep.

I give bequeath to son Albert T. Taylor the following negro slaves to wit: Fortune, Grace, Sally, Lewis, Caroline besides what I have already given him together with their issue and increase of the same to him and his heirs forever.

I give devise and bequeath to my son James T. Taylor the following negro slaves to wit: Harriet, John, Pene, M. Maria, Edmund & Harriet at my wife's death, Harriet not until my