

Item I give to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Meredith the third Part of the Tract of Land I now live on Containing five Hundred Acres also I Lend my negro woman Fillis to my Wife during her life also I give to my Wife my bay Horse shod & my gray mare & side saddle & half my stock of Hogs also Three Cows & Calves & one feather Bed & furniture & half of my Household furniture & Plantation Tools. —

Item I empower my Executors to sell as much of my Estate as will pay my just debts. —

Item I give to my son Sanders Meredith the remainder of my Estate & the above mentioned negro Fillis & her increase after my Wife's Death & I appoint my Beloved Father James Meredith & my friend John Dejeanville my Executors to this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other Wills by me made Declaring this to be my Last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have put my hand & seal this Fourteenth Day of March one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty five.

James ^{his} Meredith (seal)
mark

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Daniel Perryman

Arnold Thomsen

James ^{his} Meredith Jr.
mark

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# Christopher Davis Will.

In the name of God Amen. I Christopher Davis being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory do make & Ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me & also my Body to the grave to be buried in a Decent & Christian like manner & as to my worldly Goods wherewith God has pleased to bestow upon me I Dispose of them as follows. Vizt.

First of all I give & bequeath to my Loving Son Arthur Davis fifty Head of Hogs all my proper mark & a Twenty five pound Horse Colature which Captain Patt Bogan owed me. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Son Thomas Davis a negro woman named Het & also a mare & Colt which is called his & also a cow & heffer which I Bought of Joseph White & also one Rifle gun which is called his. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Sarah Benton five pounds to be Raised out of my Estate. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Mary Baker five pounds to be Raised out of my Estate. I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Drury Brazzill five pounds to be Raised out of my Estate I also give & bequeath the Plantation wherem I now Live to my Loving son John Davis & also a cow & Calf & a feather Bed and Furniture and a Rifle Gun & also the first child the negro woman has named Het that I give to my son Thomas I also give & Bequeath to my Loving son Isham a Negro boy named Jack & also a Cow & Calf my proper mark & also one sorrel Horse with a blaze face I also give & bequeath to my Loving son John Davis one Mare & saddle the mare called an Eagle Mare I also give & bequeath to my Loving son Lewis Davis Two hundred acres of Land Lying on Little Brown Creek which I bought of Roland Williams & also one negro woman named Mary ann after my Wife's Death & also a Cow & Yearling & also one bay mare I also give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Elizabeth Davis Thirty pounds to be raised out of my Estate & one Cow & calf my proper mark & a feather bed & Furniture & suite of cloths I also give & bequeath to my Loving Wife Mary Davis all the rest of my movable Estate & after her death to be

Equally Divided among my youngest children Lewis  
 Davis John Davis & Elizabeth Davis & I also make & ordain  
 W Joseph White to be my sole & sole Executor Where I have  
 hereunto set my hand & seal this fifth Day of November in  
 the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty  
 five  
 Signed Sealed & Delivered } The suite of cloths to Elizabeth  
 in Presence of } Davis intubined before signed  
 Wm Boggan }  
 Mary Presler } Christopher <sup>his</sup> Davis (seal)  
 Joseph White } mark

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1786 then the within  
 will was exhibited in open Court  
 by Joseph White the Ex<sup>r</sup> & duly  
 proved by the oath of Wm Boggan  
 & Witness thereunto ordered to be  
 recorded the Ex<sup>r</sup> also Qualified

## Thomas Wade's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Wade of  
 Anson County in the State of North Carolina a Merchant  
 Being in perfect Health & senses but knowing the Mor-  
 tality of the body & uncertainty of Life do Ordain this  
 my Last Will & Testament First I Commit my soul  
 to God Hoping in his Infinite Mercies Through the  
 merits of Our Saviour a happy Resurrection in the Life  
 to come my body I Commit to The Grave Desiring the  
 Same may be buried in a Decent Christian manner.  
 Secondly I Desire that my Estate that God  
 hath been pleased to bless me with may be disposed  
 Of in the following manner

five living Children by Deed of gift apart of my Estate  
 which being let off to them I hereby give & bequeath unto  
 my five children Holden Wade Mary Vining Thomas Wade  
 Sarah Wade & George Wade Ten pounds to be paid by my  
 Executors. Adm<sup>r</sup> & to them or their heirs Ex<sup>r</sup> Adm<sup>r</sup> or  
 assignee also to my Daughter Sarah Wade one feather bed  
 & Furniture & a Brown Mare & Two Colts known by the  
 name of her mare & Colts also Two Hundred acres of Land  
 on the Long Branch of Jones Creek now Ceded by Deed  
 To Peter Brown for one year.  
 And to my son George Wade a bay mare & Two Colts known  
 by the name of his mare & Colts & feather bed and  
 furniture

Fourthly I lend unto my Beloved wife Jane Wade  
 for her Life time for her maintenance & support London  
 Ben & Hannah & their family & the Residue of my  
 Household & Kitchen furniture of Every kind & at her  
 Death I desire my Ex<sup>r</sup> may divide the said negroes  
 & household furniture amongst my five children or  
 their Representatives then alive

Fifthly & Lastly I hereby ap-  
 point My Beloved Wife Jane Wade my Executor & my  
 son Holden Wade & Thomas Wade together with my  
 friend Patrick Boggan & James Boggan my Executors  
 to this my Last Will & Testament hereby authorizing them  
 to sell all my Lands & Slave & stock of Every kind & all  
 things belonging to my said Estate not necessary for  
 the support of my wife & younger Children & not  
 otherwise disposed of to pay my just Debts but  
 when Janus is sold on Twelve months credit as one  
 Amount to my just Debts together with The Debts  
 to me that then the Residue of Lands & Slaves &c. may  
 sold & money arriving from such sale over & above  
 the payment of my said Debts. I hereby Impower & Direct  
 that the slaves shall be sold if necessary not oth-  
 erwise Dispos<sup>d</sup> by Deed or Legacy or Sent & Direct that the  
 Residue over & above my Debts in Lands Slaves &c.  
 &c. be Equally Divided by my said Ex<sup>r</sup> amongst  
 five Children according to valuation In Witness  
 I the said Thomas Wade have to this my Last  
 Testament set my hand & seal this fifth Day of November