hereinafter given to my daughter, Annie Ward. And the youngest child, name not known given herein to my son Joel. I also give her, my daughter Patience, my slave, Jack.

Seventhly. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Joel Reaves, my slaves Bill, Eley's youngest child, name not known, also my Blacksmith tools, together with all the Iron, copper & brass in the Shop.

Eighthly. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Solomon Reaves, my slaves Ben, Isaac & Willby.

Ninthly. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Solomon Reaves my slaves Molly and Tom in special trust and confidence nevertheless to, for and upon the following uses, trusts, intents and purposes and no other, that is to say, said slaves are to be held by the said Solomon, his executors and administrators in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter Annie Ward, wife of James Ward, for and during her natural life, and not in any wise subject to the debts, contracts or control of her said present or any future husband and at her death to be equally divided among her children share and share alike.

Tenthly. It is not my intention in making the foregoing disposition of my slaves to do any injustice to my children. I wish the slaves to go to the persons named, but at the same time I hereby direct that they be fairly valued by my Executors, excepting expressly those given to my daughter Mary. - to be more specific for certain good reasons I have given my daughter Mary a larger share than my other children. The bequest to her is not to be disturbed: but I wish the shares of my other children to be equal in value. My Executors will fairly estimate the value of the slaves given to each, and those having more than a fair proportion or more than one sixth of the value of the whole shall pay over to the others so as to make the share of each equal.

Eleventhly. It is my will and I so direct that all of my property, real & personal not herein devised or bequeathed be sold by my Executors on such terms as they shall think best, the proceeds thereof and what money I may have at the time of my death to be applied to the payment of my debts and the charges in and about the execution of this will, the overplus, if any, to be equally divided among all my children share and share alike. But before sale I direct that a sufficient portion of the crop, stock & provisions be set apart for the support of my wife and family for one year. At the death of my wife I also direct that my Executors sell my plantation on Cape Fear River upon such terms as they may think best, the proceeds to be equally divided among all my children.

Lastly. I appoint my friends, Robert M. McRacklan and William M. D. Moore, and my son Joel my Executors to carry into effect this my Last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 13th of November, A.D. 1858.

Joel Reaves (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other, do at his request hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses. The words "and my stock of cattle and hogs on this page erased before signing.

Jesse G. Drew
Saml. Langdon.

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No. 43 A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Junius Davis is propounded for probate in open Court by George Davis the Executor therein named, which said paper writing is in the words and figures following, to wit:- In the name of God, Amen! I, Junius Davis of Brunswick County, being ill in body, but of sound mind & memory, do make, publish & declare this to be my Last Will & Testament. First.- I give & bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah, all my household & kitchen furniture of every kind to be hers absolutely. I also give to her all sums of money which at the time of my death may be deposited to my credit at any of the Banks in Wilmington.

Secondly.- I give, devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate, after the payment of my debts to my beloved wife during her life & at her death to be equally divided between all my children then living & the issue of such as may be dead. Such issue to take per stirpes the shares which their parents would have taken if living.

Third.- I appoint my brother, George Davis to be Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of December, A.D. 1861.

Junius his X mark Davis (Seal)

Signed, published and declared by the testator as his Last Will in the presence of us who in his presence & that of each other & at his request have subscribed the same as witnesses. John G. Hall, John Brown

And the due execution of the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of John G. Hall & John Brown the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is considered & adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing is and is the Last Will and Testament of said Junius Davis & sufficient to pass the real & personal estate therein devised and bequeathed & we find it to be proved & filed. At the same time Geo. Davis the Executor named in said will qualified in open Court by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Recorded agreeably to an Act of Genl. Assembly [illegible]