

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be by the said James Stansland, his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John H. Brooks,

Thomas Simmons

And the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of John H. Brooks and Thomas Simmons the subscribing witnesses, whereupon it is adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said James C. Stansland and it is ordered to be filed and registered as such. And Neoma Stansland the Executrix named in the said Will is duly qualified according to law by taking the oath in such cases prescribed.

Recorded agreeably to an act of the General Assembly, Special Session Ratified Feb'y, 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book B, page 85 vs.

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No. 214

The Last Will and Testament of Joel Reaves, Jr. is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joel Reaves, Jr., one of the Executors therein named, the other executors refusing, and is therefore proved by the oath and examination of Jesse H. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the handwriting and signature of Samuel Langdon another subscribing witness thereto, who is now dead, is proved by the oath of Jesse H. Davis and John D. Taylor, as also the death of the said Samuel Langdon. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part and parcel thereof is the last will and testament of the said Joel Reaves, Jr. and the same is ordered to be registered and filed. And therefore the said Joel Reaves, Jr., Executor as aforesaid, duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Said Will is in the following words and figures:

State of North Carolina.

In the name of God, Amen! I, Joel Reaves, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and considering the uncertainty of this life, do make, publish and declare the following and no other to be and contain my last Will and Testament: that is to say,

First, my will is that I do direct that my last Will and Testament shall remain forever in force and

suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts out of the moneys that shall first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Secondly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Sarah Reaves, to have and to hold for and during her natural life and no longer the following described property, real & personal, viz: my plantation on Cape Fear River where I now live, my negro slaves Nancy, Henry & Betty, one horse, one yoke of oxen, two carts and my Berouche, all my stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop and two splits in the right ear, and a split in the left ear, also as many of my tools and farming utensils as my Executors shall think necessary for her use, also one half of my Household and Kitchen furniture, the division of said furniture to be fairly made between my said wife and my daughter Mary by my Executors.

Thirdly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Reaves my negroes, Lucy & Ned; one half of my Household Kitchen furniture, also my mare named Eliza, and from and after her natural death the following property, viz: One horse, one yoke of oxen, one Berouche, stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop & two splits in the right ear & a split in the left ear, the other half of my Household and Kitchen furniture and the following slaves, viz: Nancy, Henry and Betty, the foregoing negro slaves to be held by my daughter Mary for and during her natural life, and after her death to such child or children as she may leave her surviving, but in case she die without leaving any surviving child or children, then Nancy, Henry & Betty to be the property of my wife's children (by her first husband) viz: Sarah E. Moore, wife of Rev. W. M. D. Moore, Charlotte Robbins, wife of Enoch Robbins and William Hamilton & the other slaves above named, to wit: Lucy, Betty & Ned to be the property of my other children herein after named share & share alike.

Fourthly, I give, devise and bequeath to my son Samuel F. Reaves a tract of land containing one hundred and seventy five acres or thereabouts, being the tract purchased of John W. Moore, also all my stock of hogs and cattle, marked with a crop & half in the right ear and an overbit in the left ear, and also my slaves Helen & James.

Fifthly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Catherine Watts my negroes Susan and her child

Sixthly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary, my negroes Ned & Helen, and my horse named

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be by the said James Stenaland, his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

John H. Brooks,

Thomas Simmons

And the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of John H. Brooks and Thomas Simmons the subscribing witnesses, whereupon it is adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of the said James C. Stenaland and it is ordered to be filed and registered as such. And Neoma Stenaland the Executrix named in the said Will is duly qualified according to law by taking the oath in such cases prescribed.

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The Last Will and Testament of Joel Reaves, and is exhibited for probate in open Court by Joel Reaves, Jr., one of the Executors therein named, the other executors refusing, and it is therefore proved by the oath and examination of Jesse B. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the handwriting signature of Samuel Langdon another subscribing witness thereto, who is now dead, is proved by the oath of Jesse B. Davis and John D. Taylor, as also the death of the said Samuel Langdon. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part and parcel thereof is the last will and testament of the said Joel Reaves and the same is ordered to be registered and filed. And thereafter the said Joel Reaves, Jr., Executor as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. Said Will is the following words and figures:-

State of North Carolina.

In the name of God, Amen! I, Joel Reaves, of the County of Brunswick, and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and considering the uncertainty of this life, do make, publish and declare the following and no other to be and contain my last Will and Testament. that is to say:-

It is my will and desire, and I so direct that my last Will and Testament shall provide for my beloved

next of kin the wives of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts out of the moneys that shall first come into their hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Secondly- I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Sarah Reaves to have and to hold for and during her natural life and no longer the following described property, real & personal, viz:- my plantation on Cape Fear River where I now live, my negro slaves Nancy, Henry & Betty, one horse, one yoke of oxen, two carts and my Berouche, all my stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop and two splits in the right ear, and a split in the left ear, also as many of my tools and farming utensils as my Executors shall think necessary for her use, also one half of my household and kitchen furniture, the division of said furniture to be fairly made between my said wife and my daughter Mary by my Executors.

Thirdly- I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Reaves my negroes, Lucy & Ned; one half of my household & kitchen furniture, also my mare named Eliza, and from and after her natural death the following property, viz:- One horse, one yoke of oxen, one Berouche, stock of hogs and cattle marked with a crop & two splits in the right ear & a split in the left ear, the other half of my household and kitchen furniture and the following negroes, viz:- Nancy, Henry and Betty, the foregoing negro slaves to be held by my daughter Mary for and during her natural life, and after her death to such child or children as she may leave her surviving, but in case she die without leaving any surviving child or children, then Nancy, Henry to be the property of my wife's children (by her first husband) viz:- Sarah E. Moore, wife of Rev. W. M. D. Moore, Charlotte Robbins, wife of Enoch Robbins and William Haskins & the other slave, above named, to wit: Lucy, Betty & Ned, to be the property of my other children herein after named here & share alike.

Fourthly- I give, devise and bequeath to my son, Samuel J. Reaves a tract of land containing one hundred and seventy five acres or thereabouts, being the tract purchased of John Will, also all my stock of hogs and cattle, marked with a crop & two splits in the right ear and an overbit in the left ear, and also my slaves Ned & James.

Fifthly- I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Rebecca Catherine Webb my negroes Susan and her child

Sixthly- I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Webb my slave, Eliza, and her child

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

Ninthly, I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Solomon Reaves my slaves Molly and Tom in special trust and confidence more to less 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 her 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 especially those given to my daughter Mary - to be more specific for better good reasons I have given my daughter Mary a larger share than my other children. The bequest to her is not to be disturbed. I wish the shares of my other children to be equal in value. My Executors will ^{thereupon} fairly estimate the value of the slaves given 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 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 such terms as they shall think best, the proceeds thereof as 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 I die 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 plantations 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. McRae 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 ^{signed}
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 E. Drew.
Sam'l. Longdon.

Recorded agreeably to an act of Genl. Assembly, April Session, 1908.
Ratified July 1st, 1908. Copied from Old Records, Book B, page 96 &c.

No. 43

A paper writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of James 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, James Davis of Brunswick County, being of full age, sound mind & memory, do make, publish & declare this to be my Last Will & Testament. First - I give & bequeath to my beloved wife, Ann Davis, 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 23rd day of December, A.D. 1861.

James Davis ^{signed}
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 B. Hall, John Brown, who did the due execution of the said paper writing is duly proved by the oath of John B. Hall & John Brown the subscribing witnesses thereto, that it is considered & judged by the Court that the said paper writing & any part thereof is the Last Will and Testament of said James Davis & sufficient to pass the said and personal estate therein devised and bequeathed & no other will is to be regarded or filed. It is the same that George Davis the Executor named above, qualified the Court by taking the oath & promising to lawfully execute the same, to wit: of the estate of said James Davis.