

State of North Carolina
Brunswick County

I Solomon Reaves, of the aforesaid county and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, ordain, declare and publish, this my Last Will and Testament, to-wit.

First I give, devise and bequeath to my son Perry and his heirs, in fee simple, a certain lot, piece or parcel of land in the City of Southport, County and State aforesaid, situate on the Southwestern corner of St George and Howe Sts. and fronting on both said streets, on Howe St thirteen (13) feet and running back westerly same width thirty three (33) feet, then fronting on St. George St. thirty three (33) feet, being thirteen feet in width and thirty three feet in length.

Second I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Reaves, all the remainder of my real estate wherever situated, all my personal property, of every kind and description, wherever located, for and during the term of her natural life and at her death to my sons James Reaves and Perry Reaves, and their heirs, in fee simple, equally, share and share alike.

Third I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Reaves the sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I, the said Solomon Reaves do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of November, A. D. 1908.

Solomon Reaves 

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

G. H. Gore
J. D. Moore

State of North Carolina } In the Superior Court
County of Brunswick

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Solomon Reaves deceased is exhibited before me the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court for said County by Elizabeth Reaves the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Solomon Reaves by the oath and examination of G. H. Gore and John B. Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say, and each for himself depose and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper-writing now shown him, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Solomon Reaves, that the said Solomon Reaves in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name to the end of said paper-writing which is now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 9th day of November, 1908.

And the deponent further saith that the said Solomon Reaves the testator aforesaid and at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper-writing as subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last Will and Testament and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator, and this deponent further saith, that at the same time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last Will aforesaid, and at the time of the deponent's subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Solomon Reaves was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent, and further these deponents saith not.

G. H. Gore
John B. Moore

Servally sworn and subscribed
this 31st day of Aug. 1909,
before me.

P. S. Naylor
Clerk of Superior Court

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It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper-writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of Solomon Redress deceased. Let the said Will, together with the probate be recorded and filed.

This 30th day of Aug. 1909.

R. S. Newton

Clerk Superior Court

- In The Name Of God Amen -

I Isaac Davis of Smithville, County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, having arrived at an advanced age, and being very weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, do hereby constitute, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, viz:

Immediately after my decease, and as soon as my Executors hereinafter named or either of them shall have qualified - I desire that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts may be paid from the goods, chattels, or monies of my personal estate.

I leave and lend for the support, use and occupancy of my loving wife Ann Davis, possession of my dwelling house, kitchen and there appurtenances, on part of Lot No 7 (seven) adjoining Bay St in Smithville, for and during her natural life - together with all the furniture, beds, and effects of mine that may be in said house and kitchen or on said part of lot, at the time of my decease. Also, all other articles that may properly belong to my personal estate - to say, the loan and use of my six negroes, namely, Doll, Kate, Peter, Phoebe, Friday and John - The use of my Carpenter's tools, cane, sleve &c - All for the support and benefit of my said wife, during her natural life, but no longer.

I will and bequeath (immediately after the death of my said wife, Ann Davis) my said one fourth of Lot No 7 (seven) with said dwelling house and kitchen and unto my son John Davis of Charleston - S. C. to him his heirs and assigns forever - well remembering the assistance he hath in many instances of

I immediately give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mary Eliza Davis daughter of my son Bartholomew Davis, my negro girl named Nancy (a child about one year of age) to her the said Mary Eliza, her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to Bartholomew Davis my coin five dollars in money to be raised and paid him out of proceeds of my goods and chattels - - And to this he hath already expressed his satisfaction, in consequence of above said negro child, Nancy, having been left to his daughter, Mary Eliza, having been nursed, supported and raised from her infancy until twelve years of age in my family.

I hereby give and bequeath (immediately after the death of my said wife Ann Davis) to eight of my children, four sons and four daughters - namely - Hilson Davis, John Davis, Drubar Davis, Thomas Davis: And Theresa Jacobs wife of Benjamin Jacobs - Mary Bernard wife of Stephen Demore, Charlotte Harris, widow of Peter Harris, and Caroline Gilbert wife of Seth Gilbert - All the rest or remainder of my estate, not heretofore permanently bestowed, being personal &c. to wit - All the beds and furniture of house within - My above named six negroes, respectively named Doll - Kate - Peter - Phoebe - Friday - and John - my Carpenter's tools - Cane - my part of sleve - and all and singular my goods, chattels and effects, whether mentioned - to be equally divided at the guidance of my Executors, hereinafter named, among the aforesaid eight children of mine - Share and share equally, alike - to them, and each of them, and their heirs and assigns forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son John Davis and my friend Samuel Russell to be the whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament - and I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul any and every other former Will or bequest by me made - and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Isaac Davis have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal at Smithville, in the County and State aforesaid, the fifteenth day of October, A. D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen

Isaac Davis (Seal)