

I John Davis of the State of North Carolina and County of Buncombe being of Sound Mind and Memory (Blessed be God) do this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & forty Make and publish this My last Will and Testament in the Manner following

Principally and first of All I leave and Command My Soul to God who Good it and My body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian like Manner at the direction of My friends Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same by the mighty power of God, and touching worldly Estate when with it hath pleased God to bless Me in this life I Give dispose and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form

After all just debts are paid to My Son in law William Sumner I leave one Dollar to My Son in law John Merrill I leave one Dollar to My Son in law Jacob Rhodes I leave one Dollar to My Son in law David Pinkerton I leave one dollar to My Son David Garrison I leave one dollar to My Son Eli Garrison I leave one dollar to Son Joseph Garrison I leave one Dollar the above named having already Rec^d A Certain portion of My Estate

To My Son in law and My Daughter John and Jane Davis I will and bequeath A part of the land where I now live to be taken of the upper end from from the upper line to A Conditional line inclusive the Conditional line beginning and Running as follows Beginning on A white walnut on the bank of the creek at the Mouth of A Branch above the head of the old Mill Run Run thence up the Meanders of the Creek to A Cypress Cove on the North side of the Creek at the Mouth of A Branch known by the Name of Jacob Rhodes spring Branch thence to A point at the edge of an old field near A small Branch on the west side thence the same Course to A Stake in My line known by the Name of Limer line thence South 55° East to A Black Oak Corner thence with with A Conditional line between myself and George Williams Crossing the Creek to My other Corner thence with My line to A dogwood Corner of another track thence down A hollow to the beginning which I price to them at one hundred and thirty dollars I want My Executor to Make John and Jane free wright for as long as convenient to My beloved wife Hannah I leave in full possession all the land and possession where I now live Except that part which I have willed to John & Jane Davis during her life time or widowhood also to have all My other property which I am possessed of at My death Except one Hundred & thirty dollars worth of property that I will to John & Mary Pinkerton which shall include the wayward and such property that can best be spared which is to be valued to them by two or three disinterested persons to them if the Chanc to take it if not it shall be sold to the next bidder and the Money paid to them to My two youngest daughters Dicy & Rebecca I Give them each two Beds and furniture & two Cows or Calves and A Cott on its value and after the death of My wife My Executors are to have the Clock and Lacy the Bearwags and Rebecca the Clock and

Equally divided between My four youngest Daughters Mary Pinkerton Jane Davis Dicy & Rebecca the land which I leave in the possession of My wife I value at two Hundred and sixty dollars the said land after the death of My wife is to be equally divided between My two youngest Daughters Dicy & Rebecca to be Equally divided between them which will be one Hundred and thirty Dollars to each one if the four named youngest daughters cannot agree in dividing the property which may be left to be divided between them the are to Choose two or three disinterested persons who are to value each article of property then if they Differ as to Choice of articles the are to draw for them I leave and constitute My two Sons David Garrison & Eli Garrison Executors to this My last will & Testament desiring them to be faithful in putting this will in execution they are to allow My wife during her life time or the time she is in possession of the land and property allotted to her to do any little trading such as is necessary in defraying the Expenses of her family but she is not to Make any other trade without the advice and Consent of the executor

Lastly I hereby Make and ordain this My last will and Testament in all things herein mentioned In testimony whereof I hereunto set My hand and seal the day and date above written

signed sealed by the said John Davis in presence of
Jacob Reed
Alexander Merri (Jr)

State of North Carolina
Buncombe County } July Term 1848
The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Alexander Merri & subscribed by witnesses thereto to be Registered
J. H. Garrison Clerk
J. M. L. Gaston D.C.

The Last Will and Testament of John Davis Dec^d
In the Name of God Amen
I John Davis of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of Sound & perfect Mind and Memory (Blessed be God) do this tenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & forty Make Make and publish this My last will and Testament in Manner following

(First) one Hundred acres of land lying on the North side of French Broad River two Mares four head of Cattle one Rifle Gun four Steel traps & three plows to be equally divided amongst My four Children Dicy Washington William and Peggy as near as can be done without expending the above mentioned property to sale I Give unto Jacob Watkin one year old Cott or Canteons that he will live with and support his Mother until he shall arrive to the age of twentyone years And I Here by Make and ordain My worthy friend Joseph P. Bratten as Executor to this My last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand & seal the day & date above written

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John Davis
John P. Bratten
State of S. Carolina
Buncombe County
According to law by the Oaths of J. Harrison Clerk
Wm L. Gaston D.C.