

In the name of God Amen I Samuel W Davidson
of the County of Buncombe and State of N Carolina being of
Sound and disposing Mind and Memory do this 9th day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty eight
Make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby testifying and bearing
in manner as follows That is to say I commit my soul to God who gave
it & my body to the ground to be decently buried at the Swanmore
Burying place near by the side of my first wife.

I give and bequeath to my present wife Elizabeth Davidson
a Negro girl named Reuben & a good riding horse one of her choice
& a good bed bedding and the clothing she has on hand and wish
my Executor to pay over to her One hundred Dollars annually
during her natural life I will to my son Samuel the use
and profits of the plantation I now live on with all my
adjointing lands but not to have the disposal of it if he should
marry and have any heirs to give to their use

It is my will that if my Executors should be satisfied that he had
entirely refrained from the use of spirits that they make him a
free in full simple if he should continue Intemperate & his heirs
It is to go to my heirs equal in ten years

It is my will that my old negroes to wit Lydia Seal
Monash & Dan should choose their own masters to live with
& to be humanely treated but not to be considered as any value
The balance of all my estate real and personal to be equally
divide amongst my heirs except John P. Burgein who has
beaten me badly & now owes me six hundred dollars which
he refuses to pay I forgive the & nothing more and nothing more
of my estate

I appoint my son John P. Davidson & Arthur Burgein
Executors of this my last will and testament and nothing
doubting that they will carry it into effect according to the true
intent and meaning thereof given under my hand and
seal at my own house in the County of Buncombe as
my last will & testament aforesaid the day and year
first above written

Signed Seal & acknowledged

Samuel W Davidson

In presence of
L. C. Clayton
Bryant Shurtell