

Apical prayer by the Defendants and granted, giving William S. Marshall and Elijah W. Lloyd and

State of North Carolina  
Carter County

I, David, County Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions, for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within Transcribed is truly copied from the records of said Court.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Beaufort in said County this 1st day of September

D. C. County Clerk

In the name of God, Amen.

I James Davis of the State of North Carolina & County of Carter being of sound disposing mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, but now calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following: My my soul I bequeath to God who gave my body to the dust from which it was taken, to be entered in a decent manner, and as to the worldly goods with which it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose of them in the following manner.

Item 1st I give to my beloved wife "Elizabeth" two dollars and by the name of Peter & Simon also a negro woman named "Kend" during the term of her natural life.

Item 2nd I give to my son William W. Davis three boys by the names of Thomas, Samuel & William.

Item 3rd I give to my son David Davis a negro man named Harry, a negro boy named "Sart", & a negro woman named Dorcas and her child "Mona".

Item 4th I give to my son Nathan Davis two negro boys named Elijah and Benjamin also at his mother's death a negro man named Simon.

Item 5th I give to my son Jesse H. Davis two negro boys

Benjamin and Nathan and a negro girl named Caroline and at his mother's death Peter and Sam.

Item 6th I give to my daughter Matilda Davis a negro woman named "Mona".

Item 7th I give to my daughter Laura Davis a negro woman named "Julia".

Item 8th I leave to my daughter "Kiziah" a negro girl named "Kiziah" during her natural life, and at her death she and her increase to be equally divided between my daughter "Kiziah" heirs lawfully begotten of her body.

Item 9th I leave all my out lands not otherwise decided & may to be equally divided between all my children both male & female.

Item 10th I give one half of my Wind-Mill to my son Jesse H. Davis and the other half to my wife during her life and at her death to be divided equally to my other three sons William W. Davis and Nathan Davis.

Item 11th I give to my son David Davis twenty dollars each to be paid out of my estate. Item 12th I leave two feather beds with all my moveable property of every sort or kind to be divided in the following manner: viz)

To my son William W. Davis the one seventh part.

To my son David Davis the one seventh part.

To my son Nathan Davis the one seventh part.

To my son Jesse H. Davis the one seventh part.

I also give to the lawful heirs of my daughter Matilda the one seventh part, and to the lawful heirs of my daughter Laura Davis the one seventh part, and to the lawful heirs of my daughter "Kiziah" Davis the one seventh part, to be divided among them after paying all my just debts & other expenses for the purpose of maintaining & educating their children.

Item 13th I also leave one negro girl to be divided in the following manner among my grand children.

To my son William W. Davis one seventh part.

To my son David Davis one seventh part.

To my son Nathan's Children the one seventh part  
 To my son Jesse's Children the one seventh part  
 To my daughter Matilda's Children the one seventh part  
 To my daughter Sarah's Children the one seventh part  
 And to my daughter Hagar's Children the one seventh part  
 my old negro woman Dimeb I leave to go where she  
 has a mind to under the protection of my son  
 He Davis and lastly I appoint my four sons  
 Executors to this my last will & testament in testimony  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14<sup>th</sup>  
 day of July 1843.

In presence of  
 Elijah Davis  
 Nathan S. Tyson  
 Martin S. Murphy

James Davis

State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law  
 Caswell County Fall Term A.D. 1844  
 Supplicans Account of said Negro & held in the Courtroom  
 in the Town of Beaufort on the third Monday after  
 the fourth Monday of September last appeared before  
 his Hon. John M. Dick Judge &c. the being the first  
 day of October A.D. 1844. and on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 of said Term then came on to be heard the  
 following suit viz

Jesse H. Davis & Children

Davis Executors of James Davis Appeal from the Court  
 of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Isaac W. Davis  
 Martin C. Davis  
 & David H. Davis

The following Jury was sworn and empanelled  
 in said suit viz James H. Bass, David Spillikin,  
 Isaac Ellis, James White, Thomas Duddy, William F.  
 Bell Jr., Stephen Latta, Joseph Bell, Isaac Weeks

John Gardner, Benjamin Hardesty and Josiah T. Bell (12)

Said empanelled & charged jury that the paper  
 writing in the words and figures following is the last  
 will and testament of James Davis.

In the name of God Amen

James Davis of the State of North Carolina & County of  
 Caswell being of sound disposing mind and memory thanks  
 to God for the same but now calling to mind that it is  
 appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain  
 this my last will and testament in manner and form  
 following viz. my soul I bequeath to God who gives it  
 my body to the dust from which it was taken to be interred  
 in a decent manner, and as to the worldly goods with  
 which it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of them  
 in the following manner.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth two Negro men  
 by the name of Peter and Simon also a negro woman named  
 Jane during the term of her natural life.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my son Matthew H. Davis three Negro boys  
 by the name of Thomas Samuel & William.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give my son Elijah Davis a Negro man named  
 Harry a Negro boy named Jacob and a Negro woman  
 named Doreas and her child Ransom

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Nathan Davis two Negro boys named  
 Elijah and Benjamin, also at his Mother's death a Negro  
 man named Simon.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Jesse H. Davis two Negro boys named  
 Patience and Sutton, and a Negro girl named Caroline  
 and at his Mother's death Peter and Jane.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Matilda Davis a Negro woman  
 named Annie.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Sarah Davis a Negro woman  
 named Julia.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I leave to my daughter Hagar a Negro girl named  
 Betty during her natural life and at her death