

In the Name of God Amen I Nathan Davis
of the County of Carteret and State of North Carolina being
in a low state of health and incumbered with the
needs and Infirmities of an advanced age. But of a
sound mind and memory, and knowing it is appointed
for all men once to die and that according to the laws
of Nature my departure is fast approaching, and being
desirous to prevent, so far as human foresight can
prevent, all these domestic disputes, dissensions and
animosities which may otherwise occur after my death
and to settle all my worldly affairs and to be ready
to attend the awful summons of death, I ordain and
appoint this my last will and Testament, and desire
it may be esteemed by all as such.

First my body I commit to the earth from whence it was
taken to be interred in a decent manner without ostentation
pomp or parade, at the discretion of my after named
Executors. My soul I resign into the hands of whom
I hope again to receive it at the great and joyfull day
of the resurrection.

As to my worldly goods and effects, such as remain
after all my just debts are paid I dispose of them in
manner following. I am first. To my son
Isaiah Davis I give one negro man named Paul
one negro woman named Sarah and a negro girl named
Tab. and an aged negro man named Simon and a
negro woman named Ann, and one Feather Bed.

Item. To my son Freeman Davis I give one negro
woman named Rose a negro girl named Violet
and a negro boy named Andrew and one named
Shap and a negro girl named Rose, and one Feather
Bed.

Item, to my son James Davis I give one negro man
named Pompey a negro woman named Dinah a negro
girl named Jean a negro boy named Jullon a
negro boy named Peter and a negro girl named Mary.

Item. To my Grand Daughter Selva Shattford
I give a negro girl named Letha born of Vileh
now in the possession of Stephen Telford Senr.
and to my other Grand Children of Molly Telford
deceased I give the said Violet and her offsprings
to be equally divided among them at the decease
of their Father Stephen Telford and I give that
the said Stephen Telford twenty shillings in

land and no more also my Will and devise is that my son in law
Stephen Telford or the heirs of him the said Stephen and Molly
his wife shall be or they pay their legal proportion what I
have nominated to be paid their heirs after my decease that
the said legal heirs mentioned in also to my Grand
Children of my Daughter Byer Shattford I give forty pounds
in Cash to be paid them in three years after my decease by my
Executors.

To my Grand Children the heirs of Anthony Davis Senr I give
forty pounds in Cash to be paid them in three years after my
decease by my Executors provided the said heirs do not sue
for a certain house that was called their Father's - And if they
or any one for them sue for the said house - then and in that
case I give them twenty shillings only in Cash - to my
Daughter Phylis Jones I give during the term of her natural
life a negro woman named Olee and a negro boy of the said
Olee named Jack - and at her decease to descend Equally to
her Children - lawfully begotten of her body and fifty pounds
in Cash to be paid her or her heirs in three years after my
decease by my Executors.

And whereas a dispute or Law suit is or may be likely to
arise respecting the land I have devised to my son Freeman
Davis whereby he may lose it or if not may be at much cost
in defending it - now in such case I give him the half of a
negro girl named Annie and the other half to my son Isaiah
Davis - But should no suit arise respecting the said land
then and in that case I give the said Annie entirely to my son
Isaiah - and all of my property that is not already
given away by my will, so that after my decease it shall be
equally divided between my three sons - Isaiah, Freeman and
James Davis - Whom I nominate and appoint Executors
to this my last will and Testament - and lastly I revoke
and disannul all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 23 of July in the year of our Lord
one thousand Eight hundred and one.

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in presence of
Benjamin Davis
John Hill
Thomas Davis

Nathan Davis
his Son

Carteret County
July Court 1801 the foregoing will
was exhibited into Court and the proper Acknowledging returned

made oath that the Testator was in sound health, of sound mind for a man aged as he was and that it was on the year 1804 he published the same as his last will and Testament and called upon them to subscribe the same as witnessed

Geo Read to be

In the name of God Amen, I Solomon Davis of the County of Currier & State of North Carolina, do declare this to be my last will and Testament, in manner following
Item: I do hereby appoint my Cousin Rufus W. Davis, and my brother in law Benjamin F. Delany Executors to this my last will & Testament:

Item: Its my will that all my lands should be sold, and my right in the grist & saw mill, on Hunters Creek, the monies arising from such sales to be applied to the payment of all my just debts, and the overplus to be equally divided between my Cousin Rufus W. Davis, and my brother in law Benjamin F. Delany.

Item: I hereby give and bequeath all my Spots, beds & furniture and chests to my sister Polly Delany.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Signed, Sealed &

Solomon Davis

published in presence of
Nathan Fuller
James Manney.

Currier County
March Term 1827

then was the within written paper exhibited into open Court and duly proved by the oath of Nathan Fuller, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto contain the true last will and Testament of Solomon Davis.

G. Humbley to be

In the Name of God Amen, I William Dennis son of Colbert Dennis in the State of North Carolina being lay sick and low and of sound and perfect mind and memory should be dead, do this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven publish this my last will and Testament in manner following, that is to say first all my just and Lawfull debts and funeral charges be paid out of my Estate by my Executors

Item: I leave unto my beloved wife Mary Dennis during her natural life My land and plantation where I now live with all my plantation Tools, also I leave unto my wife Mary Dennis my mule, mare, horse, Sampson, my Negro woman named Fanny, my Negro woman named Peg, my Negro named Smith, my Negro woman named Hannah, my Negro man named Abram. Likewise I leave unto my wife Mary Dennis for her support during her natural life all my stock of cattle sheep and hogs and my house and all my household furniture, all the above mentioned Land, Negro, stock and furniture I leave unto my beloved wife Mary Dennis during her natural life, and at her death to be divided among my children as hereafter mentioned

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Dennis one half of the Land and plantation I bought of William Wallins Taylor lying on Rogue Sound being the west part, also one third of my Land lying on Hailers Creek, also I give and bequeath unto my said son William Dennis my Negro man named Isaac, my Negro girl called Kate, my Negro girl named Egypt and my Negro girl called Alley to him his heirs and assigns for ever, Nevertheless as I have heard and am informed that my said son William Dennis say he has got a large account against me, Now if he the said William Dennis should bring any account forward against my Estate then and in that case I do hereby disavow the above gift of Land and Negro and it shall be null and void, and I give and bequeath unto my said son William Dennis five Shillings Sterling money.

Item: I give unto my son James Dennis one half of the Land which he now lives on, to be divided by a line of marking trees beginning twenty yards to the Eastward from his fence at the land head, and running the same course with his fence back to the land head of said Land be the same one half more or less, also I give unto my said son James Dennis my Negro man called William also my Negro girl called Fata the above Land and Negro, I give and bequeath unto my said son James Dennis to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item: I give unto my son Francis Dennis one half of my Land where he now lives back on the Sound beginning at James Denny's beginning my course on the land head back to the land head