

I, Samuel C. Davis of the County of Cambridge and state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the frailty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to wit: first - that my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, however and to whomsoever owing, out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2^d. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Dorothy, the plantation wherein I now live, and the outlands adjoining, my mill house, all outhouses and all other improvements, to have and to hold to her, the said Dorothy for and during the term of her natural life.

Item 3^d. I give and devise to my eldest son William B. Davis, all that tract of land whereon he now lives, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorothy, two beds and furniture, her choice of the household and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in my will; all the crop that may be on the plantation at the time of my death.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah, wife of James Hancock, one Negro woman named Dorcas, and one hundred dollars in cash to be paid by my executor within two years from the time of my death, out of my moneys belonging to my estate not otherwise disposed of, to be

and at her disposal absolutely forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan Jane Smith, the wife of Sanford R. Smith, the sum of five dollars, in cash, to be paid by my executor.

Item 6th. I give and devise to my four sons, namely, Calvin J. Davis, Silvester B. Davis, Silvester, Stephen F. Davis and Samuel W. Davis, all the tract of land and improvements, whereon I now live, except the life estate of my wife devised in a former item of this my will, to have and to hold to them and their heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 7th. My will and desire is, that the residue of my estate both real and personal, after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned, shall be equally divided between my said wife, Dorothy, William B. Davis, Calvin J. Davis, Silvester B. Davis, Stephen F. Davis and Samuel W. Davis, in equal proportion, share and share alike, to them and each and every of them, their executors, administrators and assigns, absolutely, forever.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Calvin J. Davis, my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, - hereby, revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Samuel C. Davis do hereunto set my

hand and seal this 7th day of May
A.D. 1858.

Saml^e C. Davis
Signed & sealed in the presence of us
Melvin J. Davis
Kilby D. Jones

Northampton County, Court, May Term 1858.

The foregoing paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel C. Davis deceased, is exhibited in open Court by Calvin J. Davis, the executor therein named, and the execution thereof, by the said Samuel C. Davis, is proved by the oaths and examination of Melvin J. Davis and Kilby D. Jones, subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Samuel C. Davis deceased, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And the said Calvin J. Davis, executor of said, qualifies as such, by taking oath required by law.

Jas. Ramsey, C. C.

I, Heturah King of the town of Beaufort, County of Beaufort and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I lend to my two sisters Sarah Bell and Jane Ward, during their joint and separate lives, the following named slaves, to wit: one old negro man by the name of Charity, one negro woman by the name of Sophia, one negro man by the name of Anson, one negro man by the name of Haggard, one negro man by the name of John, one negro man by the name of Robert, one negro man by the name of Sam, one negro boy by the name of William, one negro boy by the name of Louis, one negro boy by the name of Anson, one boy by the name of John Staley, and one by the name of Piers, and one girl by the name of Hannah. That is to say, I lend the said slaves to my said sisters in common, during their joint lives, and then either of them departs this life, then to the surviving sister during her life: and my will and desire is, that when both of my said sisters shall have departed this life, the whole of said slaves shall be divided equally between my beloved relatives, Allen Davis Jr. son of Allen Davis deceased, John Davis, son of John P. C. Davis, and Church Bell, son of Durant H. L. Bell, to be held and enjoyed by the said Allen Davis Jr., John Davis and Church Bell, in severalty, and share alike, and I hereby give and bequeath the said slaves, subject to the foregoing limitations, to the said Allen Davis Jr., John Davis and Church Bell, and their heirs forever.