A Draft will in Legal form — In the Name of God amen I Henry Davis of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina Planter being Very Sick and Weak in, or in perfect Mind of Body but, or and of perfect Mind and memory thanks be given to God, Calling mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all Men once to die do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say, principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner & form — First, I give and bequeath Mary Norman Davis my Dearly beloved wife all my house hold Property and Horses Cattle Hogs and Sheep and Poultry and all that is mine or in every wise mine and the Good Wright of all my Goods to hold and Legally enduring her Natural life her paying all Lawful Debts and do ordain my beloved Wife Mary Norman Davis my Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and her to pay unto Each of my Children Sons & Daughters five Shillings sterling within one year after my Death and if any of my Estate or property be left at my beloved wifes Death the same to be Divided amongst my Sons and Daughters equally, and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testament, wills bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise before made Willed and bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of October in the year of our Lord 1798 Signed Sealed published, pronounced and declared by the said Henry Davis as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto Subscribed our Names

Test
Anthony Norton (Jurat)
Andrew McCoy (Jurat)

his
Henry H Davis
mark
(Seal)

Caswell County July Court 1799 —
The Execution of this will was duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Anthony Norton & Andrew McCoy two Subscribing Witnesses Vivâ Voce Ordered to be Recorded, at same time the Executrix Qualified Test.

W. Murphey Clk

In The Name of God Amen April 17th 1798 I William Thomas of Caswell County and State of North Carolina, being Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament that is to say first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend to the Earth —

Item 1st I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Brother Philip Thomas all my Pewter Pots — Item 2d I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Brother Asa Thomas all my Negroes and all all of my Property with my Horses Land and also all Debts due me by bond or open Account — also I Appoint James Hodges William Moore and Asa Thomas to be my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other Will or Testament Whatsoever heretofore made by me the said William Thomas, and do Declare this to be my last Will and Testament and all and every Will or Conveyance or Conveyances heretofore by me made, are hereby made Void, and I do Declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 17th April 1798

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of
Jesse Robertson (Jurat)
Nathaniel Pass (Jurat)
Thos. Johnston

William Thomas (Seal)

Caswell County July Court 1799.
The Execution of this will was duly proved in Open Court by the Oaths of Jesse Robertson and Nath. Pass two Subscribing Witnesses and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, at same time the Executors Qualified Test

W. Murphey Clk

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