

Orndorff Davis Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Orndorff Davis
of Halifax County & State of North Carolina, do make & Ordain this my last will
& Testament in manner and form following that is to say:— First I Will that all my
just Debts be paid and for this Purpose, I do empower my Exors (herein after named)
to sell and Dispose of any part of my Estate which they may deem expedient,
Item, I Give to my Loving wife Mary Davis (during her widowhood, or untill either
of my Daughters (born) Mary and Elizabeth Ann Davis, should Marry or attain to
Lawfull age) all my Estate both real and Personal be it of what Nature or kind
soever for the purpose of raising, Educating and maintaining my & two Daughters
and provided my & Wife should Marry or either of my said Daughters attain to age
or marry then my Will and Desire is that the whole of my Personal Estate in
Slaving Negroes with their increase & all property acquired or accruing untill such
time be immediately Divided into three equal parts or portions one of which
parts or portions I further Give to my & Wife during her Natural Life and
the other two parts or portions, I Give and bequeath to my said Daughters equally
and to their Heirs for ever, — and after the decease of my & Wife my Will is that
the one third part of my Personal Estate hereby lent to her together with the
increase & profits acquired be equally Divided between my said Daughters who
I give to them & their Heirs for ever, —

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and to their Heirs for ever. And after the Decease of my I Wife my Will is that
the one third part of my Personal Estate hereby lent to her together with the
increase & profits acquired be equally Divided between my said Daughters whom
I give to them & their Heirs for ever.

Then I lend to my said Loving Wife during her Natural Life the Houses & Lots with
all its appurtenances whereon I now live in Halifax Town together with the
Vacant Lots in the S. Town by me owned and after her Death I give & bequeath
the said Houses & Lots &c. to my S. two Daughters & their Heirs for
ever, and further I give & devise all my Lands wherever the same may be and
all the rest & residue of my Estate equally to my S. Daughters & their Heirs for
ever. (reserving to my I Wife the use of S.) It is my express Will & Declaration
no part of my Perishable Estate be sold except so much as may be necessary for
my Debts which is to be done by my Exors. at their Discretion and Lastly I
Nominate Constitute and appoint my wife Executrix and my Mother and

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Dolphin & Thomas Davis Exrs of this my last Will & Testament hereby
attest & vouching all others by me made - In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed my seal this 2nd Day of June Anno Dom. 1780
Seal published & Declared
in the presence of us - }
Henry Montfort
Pink Moman Eaton John Watson

A. Davis Seal

Halifax County 10th August Court 1781, Then this will was
Exh. in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of John Watson who on
his oath did say that he saw the Testator sign Seal publish and Declare
this to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of signing the
same he was of sound mind and memory Whereupon Goodroom Davis Qualified
as Exor. and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded Test Wm Wootton Clk

In the Name of God Amen, I James Hogan of the
County of Halifax and Province of North Carolina being in Perfect health and
Sound memory do make this my last will in manner and form following -
Now I give unto my son Lemuel Hogan all my Land to him and his heirs

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