

Thomas Nevill

Halifax County 5th August Court 1781.

Then this will was Ex^h. in open Court by the Executors
and duly Proved by the Oaths of Tho^s Harvey & Jesse Readman
Subscribing Witnesses there to whom their Oaths (did say)
that they saw the Testator Mary Read sign seal publish &
Declare the same to be her Last will and Testament and
They Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence
of the Testator & at her Request whereupon the Executor
aforementioned was duly Qualified according to Law & on Motion
Ordered to be Recorded Test Wm. Foster Cl^k

In the Name of God Amen, I Francis Davis of
Halifax Town & State of North Carolina being sick and weak of
Body but of perfect sound mind and memory (thanks be to God)
do make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament in
Manner & form following (to wit) First and principally I recommend,

Francis Davis & Mary

And bequeath my soul to Almighty God in the good of Christ
 hopes of a glorious Resurrection Through the Merit of Jesus
 Christ my Redeemer and my body I commit to the Earth to be
Buried in a decent and Christian like manner — — —

Item, I give and bequeath, my worldly Estate as follows To my
 Daughter, Ann Davis, my negro boy Esix to her & her
Heirs for ever,

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Francis Davis my
 negro boy Phill to her & her Heirs forever,

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Davis my
 negro boy Sam, to her & her Heirs for Ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Davis my
 negro Girl Clarissa (with her Increase) to her & her Heirs for Ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Davis, my
 negro wench Hannah and her future Increase to her & her Heirs
 for ever.

Item all the rest and residue of my Estate be it of what nature
 I will and desire shall

Now all the rest and residue of my Estate real or
or kind soever whether real or personal I will and Desire shall
be Equally Divided between my said Daughters viz. Ann, Frances,
Sarah, Mary, Rebecca, and to their Heirs for ever, Share and
Share a like and lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint
Goodman Davis to Execute this my Last Will and Testament
hereby Revoking all others by me made In Witness Whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this 9th
of October Anno Dom. 1780

Francis ^{his} Davis 
Mark

Publicly Published & Declared
in the presence of us.

Chris. Dudley
William Rymer
Jesse Rymer...

Halifax County N. C. Aug. Court. 1781

Then the aforesaid Will was Exhibited in open
Court by the Executor and duly proved by

The Oath of William Rymer a Witness thereto who on his Oath did
say he saw the Testator sign seal Publish and Declare this to be her last
Will and Testament and that at the time of signing the same she was
of sound mind and memory, and that he saw Christopher Dudley
and Jesse Rymer sign as Witnesses, whereupon Goodman Davis qualified
as Executor agreeable to law & ordered to be registered. Test. Wm. Wootten, C. C.