

Modesty increase and if one of my sons should die the other is to have
his share of it. — Then as the man I mentioned to my daughter Polly
is dead I desire that she shall have twenty five Dollars as soon
as it can be collected after the sale. — Then I desire that all the
crop now on the plantation shall be for the use of the family
except two patches mentioned to the two Girls. — Then the above
named negro Girl to be left to my wife & Mary till my sons John
& Thomas come of age. — And Lastly it is my desire that this my
present Godditt be annexed to & made a part of my last Will & Testament
to all intents & purposes. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 24th day of July 1805

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named
Andrew Down as a Godditt to be annexed to his last
Will & Testament in the presence of

David P. the
Samuel Downes

Andrew Down



In the name of God Amen. I John Davidson being sick of body
but of sound mind & memory, Calling to mind the mortality of my
body, knowing that death is the wages of sin, and therefore all
must die, I therefore recommend my soul to God who gave it
hoping to receive the same again at the resurrection of the just
by the mighty power of God, My body to the earth dust to dust
to be buried as my Executors please & not estreating such
buriedly estate (whether land or negroes &c) as God has blessed
me with in this life. I Will, give, bequeath & convey in the follow-
ing manner & form viz

I Will give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Margaret
Davidson a horse saddle & Bridle, a feather bed & furniture & the
negro woman Ann Down & above a child, her hereafter mentioned
& the privilege of living peacefully & decently in & on this pre-
mise during her widowhood.

Then it is my will & desire that my aged Mother be decently supported
among her children or else where at the expense of my estate
if needful but not to exceed thirty pounds current money. —

I Will & begeth to my nephews William Davidson thirty pounds cur-
 rent money & one horse & saddle to him he is now lawful age of 21.
 I Will & begeth to each of his brothers John & Andrew Thomas Davidson the
 sum of Twenty pounds current money when the said legally arrived 21 years old
 It is my desire & will that my Executors hereafter named do sell & dispose
 of such parts of my Goods & Chattels as they judge proper & necessary and to
 appraise the rest not sold. And also to do Compositions to my said wife
 & Children, that they or a majority of them do sell & convey all my lands
 except the Farm on which I now live, for which therefore I hereby give to
 my wife, Eliza Davidson, Power & full authority unto my trusty friends Samuel
Wilson, Thomas Davidson, or William Brown the order to them their heirs
 & assigns forever all those pieces parcels or tracts of Land that I am possessor
 of in Whitcomb County they be provided never the less that they
 the said Samuel, Thomas & William be or do when they or a majority
 of them judge proper to sell said lands & convey the same that they
 apply the monies arising from the sales thereof as though directed to
 and in particular that the said Samuel & said William be or do make
 said Thomas Davidson a Deed agreeable to my said wife's Mortgage
 place of 173 Acre on his the said Thomas's buying the Red now done
 of said sale --- And that the real monies arising from such sales
 Bonds & appraisements, &c. &c. after all just debts are paid, be divided
 equally among my said wife & three Children viz Henry, Sam Wilson
John & Eliza, &c. &c. and that in case of the death of any of
 said Child or Children before being of full age leaving no legal heirs
 of his, her or their body, that then his, her or their share or dividend
 shall descend & be applied to the survivors or survivor as the case
 may be. And as to those two tracts of Land lying on which I
 live it is my wish & desire that said lands might be reserved for
 my two sons to be divided by my said three male Executors equally
 as they can as to value, & not confined as to quantity, but as said lands
 is rather small for such a division, and to give it to one & assign
 it on him to give half its value to the other, might in the end prove
 to him an inconvenient encumbrance &c. and as I have great confi-
 dence in my said Executors &c. I do therefore hereby empower

... of the only persons concerned in my will the severally named persons do
it is my desire & will that my Executors hereafter named do sell & dispose
of such parts of my Goods & Chattels as they judge proper & necessary and to
appropriate the rest not sold. And also to do complete justice to my said wife
& Children, that they or a majority of them do sell & convey all my lands
except the Parsonage on which I now live, in order therefore I hereby give &
authorize, Order, Enjoin, Comand & set even unto my trusty friends, Samuel
Wilson, Thomas Davidson, and William Bevan the order to them their heirs
& assigns forever all those pieces parcels or tracts of Land that I am posse-
sedor of in what ever County they lie. Provided nevertheless that they
the said Samuel Thomas & William Bevan do when they or a majority
of them judge proper to sell said lands & convey the same that they
apply the monies arising from the sales thereof as hereafter directed
and in particular that the said Samuel & said William Bevan do make
said Thomas Davidson a Deed agreeable to my will for the Monies
of 173 Pounds on his the said Thomas's paying the Debts now due
of said sale. And that the next monies arising from such sales
of Goods & Chattels & such sales of Lands & all other accounts notes
bonds & appraisements &c &c After all just debts are paid, be divided
equally among my said wife & three Children viz. Mary, Sam Wilson
& John Thomas & their heirs, and that in case of the death of any of
said Child or Children before being of full age having no legal heir
of his, her or their body, that then his or her share or Dividend
shall descend & be applied to the Survivors or Survivor as the case
may be. And as to those two tracts of Land lying in which I
live it is my wish & desire that said lands might be reserved for
my two sons to be divided by my said three male Executors equally
as they can as to value, & not confined as to quantity, but as said lands
is rather small for such a division; and to give it to one & Benjamin
is on him to give half its value to the other, might in the end prove
to have an unnecessary incumbrance &c and as I am great confi-
dence in my said Executors &c. I do therefore hereby empower
them to make such necessary finishings &c repairs to the Brick house
so as to make it useful & beneficial &c & after the decease of my said
wife or after her widowhood, that if my said Executors, Samuel
Thomas & William Bevan do then find & judge it to be for the ad-
vantage

John Sage of my said two sons to sell the said lands, building
improvements, that they then are hereby fully empowered to sell
& convey the same as fully & amply as the before divided lands. And
that they divide & apply the real monies arising therefrom (after
deducting said repairs & finishing of said House) equally between
my said sons when they come to lawful age, but if there is but
one of them alive, & no more of the Body of the said deceased then their
share shall have the one third of said real monies and the surviv-
ing Brother the remaining two thirds.

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my said
beloved wife Margaret Davidson & my faithful friends Samuel
Wilson, Thomas Davidson & William Beane Executors to be my whole
& sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, here by revoking all
former Wills, Gifts or bequests either by word or writing Declai-
ring & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament
And forever hereafter holding for firm & effectual all & every act
& thing which my Executors may do in the premises &c.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 31st
August 1793 - Signed, Sealed, published, pronounced & declared
by the said John Davidson as his last Will & Testament who
in his presence & in the presence of each other subscribed our
names as witnesses

Matthew Wilson

Samuel Davidson

John Beane

John Davidson



In the name of God Amen. This 9th day of December 1799
I James Dunn of the State of Carolina & of Creekblount
County, being of perfect mind & memory do hereby give
unto God. Therefore calling to mind the mortality of
my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do hereby declare this my last Will & Testament. That is to say
principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul and
the hands of the Almighty God who gave it my body &
recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian