

Thank you for your kind care -

I do give & bequeath unto my sons I Daughters Namely Thomas
John, Henry, Charles, James & Polly the sum of fifteen pounds North
Carolina belonging to be divided equally between each & all of them
I do give & bequeath unto my son George the plantation on which
I now reside with the exception of the beginning thereof made
to my beloved wife during her life time, at the which time I bequeath
the whole of my land & possessions with all the appurtenances
thereon, likewise the rest of all my property personal or otherwise
excepting what is above conveniently bequeathed to my other
children to my son George Parks to have & to hold or dispose of
as he may think proper after my decease.

And I do appoint, ordain & establish my trusty friend James
Cunningham Esq^r Executor of this my last will & Testament -
In witness whereof I subscribe to this my last will & Testament
Set my hand & seal this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord
1822 -

Signed & Delivered in the presence of
Charles Jay Robinson q.
Christian Rose.

Moses Parks 

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In the name of God Amen. I John Davis of the County of
Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina, make this my last
will & Testament, And first of all I resign my soul to its Creator
in the humble hope of its future Happiness as in the disposal
of a Being definitely good - As touching such worldly
goods as it hath pleased God in this life to bless me with I dispose
of in the following manner

expenses, & order my funeral expenses to be paid first, and if any
just debt, appear against my estate I order them to be paid
as soon as possible.

I leave & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife the third
part of my movable Estate & her bed & furniture and wearing
apparel, with my dear colored boy Christopher -
I bequeath my wife to live on the plantation which we had
lived in during her life in widowhood) and to raise my

thereon
childing in the best manner she can as to clothing & education
belonging to their fortunes until my son James arrives to the age of
Twenty one years, at which Period he is to take full possession
of the before mentioned plantation as his own property & the same
to enjoy for ever with the appurtenances there unto belonging —
Item I leave I begin with unto my son David that piece or part of land
where I brought up ~~the~~ ^{my} Suters to be his fully possessed
and enjoyed forever —

Item I leave I begin with unto my son John Fifty pounds out of my
estate to be by my Executors paid unto him at his being twenty
years of age, and also be bound unto a good Workman that can
teach the Suters trade properly the said boy to be at such age
and for such number of years as my Executors shall think proper
Item I order & appoint my son James to pay unto my son Joseph
Fifty pounds at his the said Joseph being Twenty one years of
age out of the plantation left to him the said James as an
equivalent to him the said Joseph who is to be bound unto a
good Workman that can teach the spinning & wright trade at
such age & for such number of years as my Executors shall think proper
Item I leave I begin with unto each of my daughters here in afterwards
to wait them, Mary & Isabella the sum of Thirty pounds out
of my estate to be paid to them at their respective Marriages or
their coming of full age according to which shall happen first
If my wife be pregnant as she thinks she is I order & it is my
will that if it please God to spare her until she be delivered if
the Child be a male he as to share equal with my sons John
& Joseph in my estate & be bound unto such trade as my Executors
will think him most fit for at such age & for such number of
years as they shall think proper and if the aforesaid Child be a
female I order her to share equal with my other daughters herein
before mentioned —

Item I Order & it is my will that my Executors do keep my stock of live
Cattle & all my other moveable Estate together as it is at this day
for at least one year after my decease before sale be made
thereof & then to reserve two of my best work horses
etc etc

I enjoy so ever with the Captain he was there unto belonging —
Item I leave I bequeath unto my son David that piece or part of land
which I bought of ~~to~~ Sellers to be by him fully possessed
and enjoyed forever —

I leave I bequeath unto my son John Fifty pounds out of my
Estate to be by my Executors paid unto him at his being twenty
year of age, and also be bound unto a good Workman that can
teach the Sellers trade properly the said boy to be at such age
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such age & for such number of years as my Executors shall think proper
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of my Estate to be paid to them at their respective Marriages or
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years as they shall think proper and if the aforesaid Child be a
female I order her to share equal with my other daughters herein
before mentioned —

I order & it is my will that my Executors do keep my Stock of live
Cattle & all my other moveable Estate together as it is at this day
for at least one year after my decease & then to make
thereof & then to reserve two of my best work horses
either for the use of my wife & Children and also some of
my Milch Cows for my wife & Children joint use. I also
order one set of plow Drags, plow two Horse tail hangings
blowirs & Guard to be kept to raise bread for my wife & Children.

And Lastly I nominate & appoint constable & ordinie my
Deputy heire and wife Mary Davis & Capt James Harris of Newry
such to be & they are hereby the Executors of this my last Will
and Testament - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this 24th day of August in the year of
our Lord 1777.

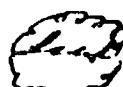
Signed Sealed Published, pronounced

Tested and as & in the last Will
& Testament of the said John Davis

in the presence of the undersigned witnesses
Robert Harris Jr

William Harris

Robert Harris Jr

John Davis 

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In the name of God amen. I Robert Davis of
Rockingham County in the Province of North Carolina, being weak
in body but of sound memory thank God, do this 4th day of
August in the Year 1770 make & publish this my last Will &
Testament in the manner following that is to say first I
desire my soul to God that gave it & my body to the grave
to be buried in a Christian decent manner, and as to my
wealthy Estate - First of all I will & bequeath to my son
James Two hundred acres of Land whereon he may build
being the lower end of my land joining James Habers to him
this forever, and likewise forty pounds proclamation
Money of N^t Carolina, and likewise one negro woman
named India; I likewise will & bequeath to my son Robert
two hundred acres of Land of the middle of the above named
tract of Land Likewise one negro woman named Moll, and
likewise my large Bible - I likewise will & bequeath to
my son George a Dark bay mare - Likewise will to my
son William the first Volume of Books Annotations, and
to my son George the second Volume Likewise will and
bequeath that my Daughter Catharine be maintained out
of my estate at the discretion of my executors.