

think fit for his own use -

I do give & bequeath unto my sons & Daughters Namely Thomas John, Henry, Charles, James & Polly the sum of fifteen pounds North Carolina Currency 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 bequeathment above made to my beloved wife during his life time, after which time I bequeath the whole of my landed possessions with all the appurtenances thereto, likewise the rest of all my property personal or other kind excepting what is above permanently 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 & ordain my Trusty friend James Cunningham Esq. Executor of this my last will & Testament -

In Witness Whereof I have 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

Nicholas Jay Robinson

Andrew Rice.

George Parks



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20 In the Name of God Amen. I John Davis of the County of Charlotte in the State of N. Carolina, make this my last will & Testament, And first of all resign my soul to its Creator in all humble hope of its future Happiness as in the disposal of a Being infinitely good - his Touching such worldly Goods as it hath pleased God in this life to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner

Impressed I order my funeral expenses to be paid paid, and if any just Debt, 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 moveable Estate then held & permitted and likewise Appraised, with my dear coloured man then called -

I order my wife to Live on the plantation where we now live (during her life or widowhood) and to Raise my

^{therein}
Children in the best manner the can as to Cloathing & Education
suitable to their fortunes untill my son James comes 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 thereunto belonging—

Item I bequeath unto my son David that piece or parcel of land
whereof I thought of to ~~sell~~ sell to be by him fully possessed
and enjoyed forever—

Item I leave & bequeath 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 Saddlers 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
Egoevident to him the said Joseph who is to be bound unto a
good workman that can teach the spinning right trade at
such age & for such number of years as my Executors shall think proper—

Item I leave & bequeath unto each of my daughters herein after named
to wit Ann, 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 untill she be delivered if
if the Child be a male he is to share equal with my sons John
& Joseph in my Estate & be bound unto such trade as my Executors
shall 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 flock 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 & great
strong oxen to be kept by my Executors for the use of my family

to enjoy for ever with the opportunities thereunto belonging—

Item I leave I bequeath unto my son David that piece or parcel of land
wherein I thought of to ~~use~~ sell to be by him fully possessed
and enjoyed forever—

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Estate to be by my Executors paid unto him at his living twenty
years 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
and for such number of years as my Executors shall think proper—

Item I Order & appoint my son James to buy unto my son Joseph
Fifty pounds at his the said Joseph being Twenty one years of
age out of the plantations left to him the said James as an
Exe-cution to him the said Joseph who is to be bound unto a
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tures for the use of my wife & Children and also some of
my Milch Cows for my wife & Childrens joint use. I also
Order one set of plow Irons, plow two Horse tree hangings
Olives & Gear to be kept to raise bread for my wife & Children.

And Lastly I nominate Appoint constitute & ordain my
Dearly beloved wife Mary Davis & Capt James Harris of New
creek 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

& declared as & for the last Will

& Testament of the said John Davis

in the presence of the under written witnesses

Robert Harris for

William Harris

Robert Harris Jun

John Davis (Seal)

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In the name of Good Love. I Robert Davis of
Newbury County in the Province of N^o Carolina, being weak
in body but of sound memory blessed be God, Do this 24th day of
August in the Year 1770 make & publish this my last Will &
Testament in this manner following that is to say first I
reign my soul to God that gave it & my body to the grave
to be buried in a Christian decent manner, and as to my
worldly Estate. First of all I will & bequeath to my son
James Two hundred acres of Land whereon he now lives
being the lower end of my land joining James Habers to him
this his piece, and likewise forty pounds of North Carolina
money of N^o Carolina, and likewise one negro woman
named Indi; 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. I likewise will to my
son William the first Volume of Poole Annotations, and
to my son ~~Charles~~ the second Volume. I likewise will and
bequeath that my Daughter Catherine be maintained out
of my Estate at the discretion of my Executors.