

by my managers, overseers or croppers as they may judge most
advisable, and that the profits arising therefrom be appropriated
to the schooling, clothing and maintaining of my children,
and it is further my desire that if all of my negroes cannot, be
advantageously employed in farming as aforesaid, that then five and
thirty be annually hired out, and in case Rachel or Joe or any of the
others should become superannuated and worn out or otherwise inca-
pacitated for labour, that they be taken particular care of and supported
by my estate.

Finally, I hereby appoint to execute this my last Will and Testament,
my brother, Richard Parish and brothers in law Thomas D King and
James Larkins Junr, vesting them with discretionary powers to vary
any part of this my Will, where the execution of the same may be
deemed impolitic or impracticable.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 25th April
1817.

R. Parish. Seal

New Hanover County } County Court. August Term 1817

The within Will was exhibited in open Court,
and proved by Gabriel Holmes Junior, Evan Larkins and Anthony D
Bordeaux, who proved that the said Will and every part thereof is in
the handwriting of Joel Parish esquire, the testator; and ordered to be
recorded; and at the same time Richard Parish and James Larkins,
qualified as Executors thereto.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Clk.

State of North Carolina }
New Hanover County

In the name of God. I, Mary Poisson of the State and County aforesaid, being sick and weak
of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make
publish and declare this instrument of writing to be and contain
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills or Testa-
ments by me heretofore made.
Impressio. The whole of my property real and personal, I give and
bequeath to my two sons John and Louis Poisson (except such bequests
as are herein after devised) to be equally divided between them, and
I request my Executors, that whatever surplus of profits arising
from my estate after educating and supporting my said sons
be laid out in Bank, stock, for the benefit of them my said sons.
I give, devise and bequeath to my Aunt Mrs. Sophia Ashed
eight of my best sitting chairs, my dining table and tea table, two

pair of fire dogs, shovel and tongs the best I possess, my wash hand stand, her choice of one bed and the curtains which are generally round my bed, a mahogany bedstead, my desk, one pair of trunks, one English counterpane and one chintz quilt, the whole of my blankets, and such other of my household furniture as she may make choice of, except such as I herein otherwise dispose of.

I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas P. Davis, six large table spoons, my writing desk, card table, tea urn, one bed and bed clothes, all my bars, two large iron pots, table linen.

I give and bequeath to Mrs Elizabeth Sutton the coarsest of my bed clothes, one bed, one dining table, one tea table that has one leaf loose, one small dressing table, two pine bedsteads.

I request that my Executors will purchase a bible that shall cost about six dollars, which I give to Mrs Batharine Nolan.

I give to Mrs Mary Walters my carpet.

I give all the rest and residue of my household and kitchen furniture to my brother Thomas P. Davis, except my plate specially given herein, all which residue of said plate I request him to take care of for my sons; and I request that he will let Mrs Sutton have such of my household and kitchen furniture as he may not stand in need of.

I give to my Aunt Mrs Sarah P. Davis, all my China Ware.

Lastly. As it was the particular request of my late husband John Poifon, that I should at my decease or sooner, if I thought proper, emancipate and set free from slavery my negro man named Frank, for meritorious services rendered my said husband in saving his life in two instances in the West Indies; I give the said negro man Frank, his freedom as far as it is in my power to do so, and I request my Executors to have the said negro man Frank emancipated & set free from slavery agreeably to the laws of the State of North Carolina.

I nominate, constitute and appoint my brother, Thomas P. Davis and my Uncle Thomas P. Davis Executors of this my last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of November, A.D. 1817.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared in presence of (the clause in the first line of the second page, & the word "my" in the first line of the third page, and the words "husband" in the fifth line of third page, being first made

A. J. DeKopet

Mary Poifon. Seal

New, Hanover County } County Court. February Term 1818.
The execution of this Will of Mary Poifon was exhibited to Court and proved by the oath of Asa and J. DeKopet subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Witness

Thos. P. Davis. Clerk