

my said son Thomas Davis, one half of all my property that may remain, the other half my said wife is hereby empowered to dispose of as she may think proper.

After the death of my said wife, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Sophia Ashe, a negro lad named Fango, to have her heirs and assigns forever, I having already given her a deed for him. And I here request my wife will at her death either bequeath and allow Betsy to my daughter, Lucretia, or otherwise make her some compensation for a negro boy called Anderson which I had given her a deed for, and have since sold. All my other children who had a deed from me for a negro, have their debts paid to them.

I give and bequeath to my said wife, the use of all my furniture for and during her life, one half of which she may dispose of as she thinks proper, the other I give to my son Thomas, but not to be touched by him until his mother's death; to him his heirs and assigns forever.

The nuncupative last will and Testament of Thomas Davis esquire dec'd, proved to be the hand writing of the said Thomas Davis by the oaths of Samuel R. Jocelyn, Joshua Wright and William Butts, Esq's, also that the said will was found amongst the valuable papers of the said Thomas Davis by the oath of George Davis: At the same time administration with the will annexed granted to Mrs. Mary Davis.

March Term 1796

Geo. Gibbs. D. Ck.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Davis of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina being weak in body and mindful of the mortality of man, but of sound mind and memory (thanks be to God) do make and constitute this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say,

1st. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Frances Devane, Charles, Rich, George, Hester, and Pat, Simon, little Jack, Jim, Doll and Ford, during her life; after her death to be equally divided between my children and the heirs of their body lawfully begotten.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, Isaac and her children.

3rd. I give unto my daughter, Ann and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten, Rose and her children, and a negro girl Cherry.

Then after all my lawful debts are paid, it is my desire that the residue of my estate real and personal be equally divided between my two daughters and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten.

And I constitute and appoint my worthy friends James Devane and John Bludenorth my Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have thereto set my hand and seal this 11th April 1805.

Signed, sealed and executed in the presence of us who were present at the signing.

Thomas Devane Seal

Test,
Wm. Devane, Esq.
Benj^d Devane
Thos Rogers

New Hanover County } County Court, June Term 1805.

The execution of the within last will and Testament, was duly proved in open court by Benjamin Devane one of the subscribing witnesses; and at the same time James Devane qualified as an Executor thereof.

Witness

Thos H Davis. Cky.

We John Ramsay and Samuel Perry were at the habitation of George Duncan on the 4th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1817, who was then confined to his bed and extremely ill; - Samuel Perry, the attending physician informed Mr Duncan of his approaching dissolution and enquired if he wished to give any direction with regard to the disposition of his affairs. Mr Duncan then of sound and disposing mind and memory, declared that he wished Alexander, Peter and his family, to become possessors of and heirs to his estate. This wish was frequently repeated by Mr Duncan in the same solemn manner during the conversation, and was taken as his expressions designed as a verbal will for the disposal of his estate. Mr Duncan died on the 7th July 1817.

John Ramsay
Samuel Perry

Nuncupative will of George Duncan deceased, exhibited to Court, 1818, and proved by the oaths in open Court of John Ramsay and Samuel Perry, and ordered to be recorded.

Witness

Thos H Davis Cky.