

Mary Davis Will

In the name of God Amen knowing that is now appointed for all persons to die
I Mary Davis of Northampton County N.C. being of sound mind and memory
do make this Writing to contain my last Will & Testament

Item 1 I give and bequeath unto my son William Davis all my lands & my feather bed,
which I have given him by a deed of Gift 1st

Item 2 It is my Will and desire at my death for all of the balance of my Estate to remain
together after paying all my just debts until my youngest child shall become
twenty one years of age, and then to be equally divided between my children
Wm, James I Davis Milley B. Davis Marshall Davis also the balance of
my increase if there should be any to their equal with the above named
children.

Item 3 And lastly I do appoint my friend & kinsman Davis my son to this my last
Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
10th day of April 1839.

Mary ^{his} Davis ^{made} ^{and} ^{signed}

In presence of us the
Presbytery of us 12
Witness. R. Powell

Northampton County December Court 1839.

This last Will & Testament of Mary Davis now was exhibited
in Open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of R. Powell clerk of the Court
who certifies that the Will be certified & recorded. Whereupon the Clerk
Davis the County Clerk has been qualified as the law directs.

Teste Wm. B. Cotton etc.

Math. Calvert's Will

I Math. Calvert of the County of Northampton State of North Carolina having a serene
in mind of a full & mature & character that my assistance may terminate without a
moment's warning do make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following to wit

Item 1 I give & bequeath unto Samuel Calvert my brother all my estate of every kind
& description, whatever unto him and his heirs forever.

Lastly I nominate & appoint my brother Samuel Calvert my executor to this
my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
and affixed my seal this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord 1839

In presence of
Wm. B. Cotton

Math. Calvert ^{made} ^{and} ^{signed}

Northampton County December Court 1839.

This last Will and Testament of Math. Calvert now was exhibited
in Open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of James B. Elgerton
the undersigned witness clerk. And that the Will be certified & recorded. Whereupon
Samuel Calvert the Executor therein named qualified as the law directs.

Teste Wm. B. Cotton etc.

Lucy C. Rivers Will

In the name of God I Lucy C. Rivers being at this time of sound & disposing
mind & memory do make & Ordain publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following to wit

It is my Will & desire that my step mother Martha B. Turner shall be permitted
to reside upon & have the full use & control for & during the term of her natural life
of the tract of land which came to me from the estate of my Mother which land
is in the County of Halifax & is now resides upon by Mr. Turner

I give & devise the said tract of land after the death of the said Martha B. Turner
also all my interest in a mill in said County of Halifax known as Bradley or Turn-
er mill also all the stock which I now in the Western Toll Bridge Company or
Rail Road Company in case the same has been in any way transferred also all the
negroes & their future increase which I own & every kind & description of property
whatever of which I am possessed unto my two daughters Sarah Elizabeth Wright
Rivers & Mary Helen Parsons Rivers subject to the payment of my just debts & to
the conditions & qualifications herein after stated

In the first place my intention & desire is only to give a life estate absolutely in
the said property to my said two daughters, and my will & desire is that if
either of them should die leaving the other without having a child or children
her surviving, that the whole of the said property should vest in & go to the sur-
vivor of them. In the second place should both of my said daughters die
without leaving a child or children then surviving then & in that case my will
& desire is that the whole of the said property should go to my two brothers James
& Turner and Cephaer Turner & my sister Martha B. Turner & their heirs
in the third place

But if one or both of my said two daughters should
die & at their death should leave a child or children surviving her or them,
then & in that case I give devise & bequeath the share of said property given to
the mother to such child or children as she may have living at her death & their
heirs: and in case one of my daughters should die leaving a child or children &
the other should survive her having no child or children, her surviving, then my
will and desire is that the whole of the property should vest in & go to such
child or children of the daughter first dying, as may be living at the death of
the second without children as aforesaid.

It is my will & desire that in case any of the negroes should become refractory
or unmanageable so as in the opinion of my Executors it would be best to make
sale of them & in that case I empower them or either of them in case only one of
them should qualify to make such sale & to buy other negroes instead or to
loan out the money as to them may seem best and to the money arising from
such sale or to such Negro bought therewith I hereby give to the same &
Conditions of all the property given to my daughters aforesaid