

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 & tenements here,
which I have been given to 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 share equally 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
17th day of April 1839.

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

In presence of the
persons of us 1st
Witness. R. Powell

Northampton County December Court 1839.

This last Will & Testament of Mary Davis 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 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 leaving 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

It is further my will & desire that my Executors & I hereby inform & own them to settle good homes for my Negro Women & children, which they are hereby empowered to do privately.

It is further my will & desire that when my daughters grow up & receive their education that my Executors or such guardians or guardians as they may have procure for them if they desire them such a piano forte & a watch such as are worn by females; and in the last place I nominate William H. Gray & Thomas J. Venthall to be my Executors to this my last will & Testament hereby reserving all things in testimony thereof. I have hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this the 15th day of November A.D. 1839.

Liquid Sales published &
declared by the testator as
his last will & Testament in
the presence of us & witnessed
by us in his presence.

Henry M. Mangum
J. H. Simmons

Lucy C. Reeves (Sd)

It is my will and desire that my step mother Martha
& Fanner shall have the entire management of my two daughters Sarah
and Mary until they become sapientified.

Henry M. Mangum

Lucy C. Reeves (Sd)

Northampton County March Court 1840.

This last will and Testament of Lucy C. Reeves decd. was Exhibited
in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Henry M.
Mangum one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and on motion was
ordered to be recorded whereupon Thomas J. Venthall one of the Executors
therein named qualified as the law directs.

Yest J. M. Ballou Clerk

Lucy Hill Will

In the name of God amen I Henry Hill of the County of Northampton
and State of North Carolina living weak in body but in perfect sound mind
and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in
maner and form following that is to say
First I give and bequeath to my grand son Robert C. Hill a Negro boy by
the name of Calhoun should the said Robert C. Hill die without a lawful
heir my desire and wish is for the said Negro Calhoun to be Equally divided

between Guss Hill Mont Hill and Fanny Hart and my grand son William
Hill. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Martha Hart one Father
Bed and furniture I give & bequeath to my Grand son Henry Hart one
Father Bed & furniture one cow & calf; I send to my Daughter Fanny Hart
the plantation whereon she now lives during her single life at her bed. I
give and bequeath the said plantation to my two grand children Martha
Hart and Henry Hart I give and bequeath to my grand son Gustus
Super one Dollar I give and bequeath to Grand Daughter Martha Super
one Dollar - I give and bequeath to son Augustin Hill Five Dollars
I give and bequeath to my son Meritt Hill two hundred and fifty Dollars
I give and bequeath to son Guss Hill one hundred and eighty three Dollars
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Fanny Hart one hundred and eighty
three Dollars I give and bequeath to my two grand children Benoit
and William Hill one hundred and eighty three Dollars and all the balance
of my property if any my desire and wish is for it to be equally divided
between Guss Hill Mont Hill Fanny Hart and Benoit Hill and William
Hill my two grand children to draw one forth Benoit & William Hill of
the balance I leave my then old Negroes Lurrah Esther Simah to live
with any of my children they please. Given under under my hand and
seal this the 28th of October 1839.

Liquid and published in present of
Amos Stephenson I leave my son Guss Hill and Meritt Hill Executors
See Wills to this my last will & Testament

Northampton County March Court 1840.

This last will & Testament of Henry Hill decd. was at December Court 1839
afford for probate & was carried by Augustus Hill, and thereupon it was
ordered that an issue be made & submitted to a Jury, and at this Term the
said Augustus Hilling is prostrate his caveat the said will was again
Exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of Amos
Stephenson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, & on motion it is ordered
that the will be recorded, whereupon Mont Hill one of the Executors
therein named qualified as the law directs.

Yest J. M. Ballou Clerk