

Thomas King of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First I leave unto my beloved wife Martha A King during her natural life or widowhood all my property of every description both real and personal to be subject however to the following provisions and restrictions.

Item 1st It is my will and desire that my son John M King when he arrives at the age of twenty one years shall draw out of my estate his share thereof including land negroes and every other description of property held by my wife Martha A. as a part and portion of my estate which I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs absolutely forever.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my son Benjamin R King when he arrives at the age of twenty one years shall draw out of my estate his share thereof including land negroes and every other description of property belonging to my estate which I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs absolutely forever.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my son Richard W King when he arrives at the age of twenty one years shall draw out of my estate his share thereof as above stated which I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs absolutely forever.

Item 4th It is my will and desire that my son William H King when he arrives at the age of twenty one years shall draw out of my estate his share thereof which I give and bequeath unto him and his heirs absolutely forever.

Item 5th It is also my desire that my wife Martha A. shall retain possession of all my land during her natural life or widowhood but in case my wife Martha A. should marry again then it is my will and desire that she should have one third of my land allotted to her as her dower and to draw out of my estate her share thereof or such part of the residue of my estate which I give unto her absolutely.

Item 6th It is further my will and desire that so long as my estate is bound in common debt by my wife under the first named clause of this will that she shall bind and execute my children free of charge to them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of May A.D. 1862

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

John Brandley
H. H. H. H.
Pitt County

Pitt County November Session A.D. 1864

Then was the within paper being produced in open Court by Martha A King his widow and proved in due form of law to be the last will and testament of the said Thomas King and by the oath of Henry Sheppard one of the subscribing witnesses to the same it was then proved by the Court that said will be received and filed

Edw Jones Clerk

State of North Carolina
Pitt County I, Nicholas Davis of the County and State above mentioned being of sound and disposing mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make declare and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: Item 1st That my executor herein after named shall provide for a decent burial for my body suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay the expense of the same together with all my just debts out of the first monies that may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Susan Davis one half of my crop stock & provisions on hand and wishable property of every description that may be on hand at my death my debts first being paid out of the whole of my crop stock and provisions to her and her heirs forever. I also leave to her during her natural life all that part of my land on the east side of back swamp including the house on the tract hereinafter given to my son Asa to the division line between my sons Asa and John Harrington hereinafter made and the privilege of fire wood and cut timber and two negroes Sam and Jimmy.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Nahum Davis one hundred and sixty acres of land more or less known as the Tucker tract on which said Nahum now lives and two negroes to wit: Shade and Holland and their future increase to him and his heirs forever and the said Nahum is to pay fifty dollars in current money to Sarah Dail.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Dail one hundred acres of land where she now lives to her and heirs forever.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Malvina Stocks thirty five acres of land known as the Dennis Cannon land on which she now lives & Chang Cesar and after the death of my wife Jerry and her future increase to her and her heirs forever and she is to pay the sum of fifty dollars in current money to Sarah Dail.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son John B Davis all that part of the tract of land on which I now live north of the crop fence she dividing line to run parallel with the crop fence from Harpers line to Browns line and negroes Cloie Council Green Frank Willie and Fanny and their future increase to him and his heirs forever and he the said John is to pay the sum of seventy five dollars to Sarah Dail in current money.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Branch the following negroes to wit: Moriah Jordan and Ellen and their future increase to her and her heirs forever and she is to pay to Sarah Dail the sum of fifty dollars in current money.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my son Asa Davis all that part of the tract of land on which I now live south of the crop fence subject to the dower herein before given to my wife and negroes Harriet Lina Mary Joseph Celia and Cornelius and their future increase and I am after the death of my wife and the crop stock stock provisions & parishionable property after paying my debts out of the same to be equally divided between him and my wife to him and his heirs forever and he is to pay to Sarah Dail the sum of seventy five dollars in current money.