

John Davidson

In the name of God Amen I John Davidson of Rockingham County and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say - principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it, and my Body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose off in following manner and form

First Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and beloved Mother Sarah Davidson all the lands that I shall be possessed of during her natural life and after her death to be sold and the money arising from said sale to be divided as follows

Second Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Elizabeth Simon one sixth part of the money arising from the sale of the above mentioned lands

Third Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Sarah Hogan one sixth part of the money arising from sale of the above mentioned lands

Fourth Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Nancy Hopper one sixth part of the money arising from the sale of the above mentioned lands

Fifth Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Nelly Davidson one sixth part of the money arising from the sale of the above mentioned lands

Sixth Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved nephew Robert Davidson one sixth part of the money arising from the sale of the above mentioned lands

Seventh Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved nephew John Manah Davidson one sixth part of the money arising from the sale of the above mentioned lands

Eighth Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Sister Mary Pounds the sum of one Dollar to be paid out of any money due me

Ninth Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and beloved Mother Sarah Davidson my Bay mare

Tenth Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and beloved wife Nancy Davidson one cow ten head of hogs, one Yoke of Oxen, half dozen chains, half dozen plates, one Case knives forks and half dozen spoons also all the money that remain after my Executors has collected my out standing debts that are or may be due to me or my Estate and has paid all debts that I may owe or may be owing by me or my Estate and hereby direct my Executors to deliver over the money that may remain as aforesaid

I hereby constitute appoint and ordain my true trusts our Beloved Brother-in-law James Simon and Lemuel Hopper the sole Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby making all others In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twentieth day of October A.D. 1808

In presence of
Thomas Williams
Joshua Sunday

John ^{his} Davidson
mark

State of North Carolina
Rockingham County

Witness my hand and seal this Twentieth day of October 1808

The within last will & Testament of John Davidson was duly proved in open court by the oaths of Thomas Williams and Joshua Sunday and on motion ordered to be recorded

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