

In the name of God Amen I John Davis of the County of
 Rowan and province of North Carolina being sick and weak in Body but
 of perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same calling to 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 in manner and
 form following, that is to say first of all I give and Recommend my soul
 into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to
 the Earth to be buried in a decent Manner at the discretion of my Executors
 hereafter named nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall
 receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as it hath
 Touching such worldly matters with it hath pleased God to bless me
 with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form
 First of all I will that my just Debts and funeral Expences be paid out
 of my personal Estate; further it is my Will that my beloved wife Mary
 Davis have her proper Dowry or third part of my personal Estate in a
 Lawful manner also the priviledge of living on the plantation without
 Molestation until there be an opportunity or Call to sell the said
 plantation whereon we dwell at present. Further it is my Will that
 my Son John Davis shall have One hundred Acres of Land part of a survey
 lying near the Bald Mountain, beginning with a line from the Yachtem River
 and running so as to Divide the Spring a part to be on each side of said
 line and then up the said Branch from the Spring line towards the head of
 said Branch to either side as may be necessary to include one hundred Acres
 and no more. Further it is my Will that my two Sons Benjamin Davis
 and David Davis shall have the Remainder of that Tract of Land near
 the Bald Mountain containing One hundred and Fifty Six Acres and one
 place and Improvement of Land lying near the Flat Swamp Mountain
 formerly the property of Joshua Nichols and purchas'd from him the said
 Nichols by me the Testator the said Lands to be divided between the said
 Benjamin and David as equally as possibly it may be to goodness and
 Value and as much Money as may be due the said Land bought of
 Joshua Nichols to be Raised out of my personal Estate to Due the same
 for the use of my Sons aforesaid further it is my Will that all

the Residue of my personal Estate and the Money arising out of the
 Sale of my plantation in the Jersey Settlement whereon I now dwell be
 Divided amongst all my Children as followeth, My Daughter
 Elizabeth to have two parts of said Estate that remains and my
 Daughter Sarah two parts likewise and my Daughter Rachel to
 have two parts and my Sons John Benjamin and David only one
 part each. I likewise institute and appoint my faithful Friends
 Thomas Todd and Benjamin Davis my Sons sole Executors of this
 my last Will and Testament reversing all other Wills or Legacies
 Bequests and Executors by me heretofore named Ratifying and
 Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness
 whereunto I have set my hand Seal this Thirteenth day of October
 in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and seventy five
 Signed: Sealed, published pronounced John D. Davis
 and Declared by the said John Davis Sen: Mark
 as his last Will and Testament in the
 presence of us

Thomas M. Cartney
 Joseph Warford
 John Strong
 Mark

In the name of God Amen I Clement Polley of Rowan County in the
 province of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and dispo-
 mind and Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
 in Writing in manner and form following That is to say, First it is my last
 Will and desire that all my just and honest Debts and funeral charges
 be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named
 I then give and bequeath unto my beloved Sons, Charles Lovelace, Isaac
 Lovelace, William Lovelace, Elias Lovelace and Luke Lovelace the sum of One
 hundred and thirty five Dollars to be equally divided among them in equal parts
 I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Ann the sum of One
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Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Watchel Lovelace my young Black Child belonging, all my pictures over feather bed and Furniture, Ten pounds in Money to be delivered him by my Executor within Twelve Months after my decease. I say to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. Item it is my mind Will and desire that my son Watchel Lovelace be left to himself meaning the same that I leave him at a age at my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Archibald Lovelace one Bed and furniture one Trunk one Chest, one framed Table and my last Sorral Mare and her increase to be delivered to him at Nineteen Years of age. I say to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item it is my mind Will and desire that my Negro Woman Jean be sold by my Executor and her thirds of Money she brings to be put to Interest and kept till my beloved son Archibald Lovelace is Nineteen Years of age and then for the same with the Interest to be given and delivered to him his heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace one third part of the Money my Negro Woman Jean brings with the Interest to be paid to her when she is Seventeen Years of age to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace my Negro Boy Daniel to be delivered to her when she is Seventeen Years of age. I say to her and her heirs and assigns for ever. — Item it is my desire that all the other part of my Estate which is not above particularly mentioned be sold by my Executors and after my Debt paid for the remaining part of the Money to be delivered to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace when she is Seventeen Years of age. I say to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I will and desire that no Sheriff has the selling of any part of my Estate but that my Executor have the whole and sole management of the same. Item it is my mind Will and desire that if one or any of my last mentioned three children before they come of age sufficient to take their Estate that it be equally divided between the Survivors meaning the Survivors of any last three mentioned children. I say to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved son William Lovelace my Executor and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament containing on the one preceding page in Writing. At Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this twenty eighth day of October One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty six.

James M. Henry
Mark

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the Testator to be his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who have
Subscribed our names as Witnesses in his sight
and in sight of each other

Nathan Robey
Charles Lovelace
Luke Lovelace

In the name of God Amen this Thirtieth day of April One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy seven I Thomas Henry of the County of Rowan and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and after Death their Judgment, Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, and principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Dust of the Earth to be interred in a decent Christian Manner according to the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection it shall rise again. And the Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and Year above written.

James M. Henry
Signed Sealed, pronounced
and declared in presence of
James M. Henry
William Waugh

James M. Henry
Mark

Seal