

98) as shall be thought proper by my wife & my Executors
to be provided by them when larger necessary than to her
& her heirs forever. Further it is my will that the whole of
my Estate except those things before mentioned to be sold at
public auction, that the land assigned by my son Thomas &
my Nephew John be sold at my wife's desire in the same
manner that each sum be divided by my Executors
into twelve equal parts & be divided as follows
due in the following manner. That they give to
my son William two twelfths of the whole to my
son James two twelfths of the whole to my daughter
Margaret two twelfths of the whole that the rest of my
children sons & daughters have each one twelfth of
the whole to them & these heirs forever provided
that my two Saddles body Cloaths gun & books
be disposed of at discretion by my Executors that the
piece of Gold above mentioned of six pounds value
be given to my daughter Margaret and her heirs
forever. That four steers be reserved of my stock
for the support of my wife and daughter & three
following ages viz) one of four years one of
three years one of two years one of one year
old also all my stock of Hogs together with the
whole Crop now in my Ground for the purposes
above mentioned. It is also my will that my two
sons Andrew & Thomas Morrison be constituted
Executors of this my last will & Testament
And I do hereby utterly revoke & disannul
every other Testament will & legacy by me
before this time made written or bequeathed & do
affirm this to be my last will & Testament
in witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & 99
year above written.

James Morrison Seal
Signed, sealed, published pronounced
by the said James Morrison as
his last will & Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers
Samuel Harris
James Hall Junr
John Morrison Miller.

In the name of God Amen I Matthew
Atkins of the State of North Carolina and County of New-
= in German being very sick and low in body yet of
perfect mind and memory blessed be God, and calling
to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appoint-
= ed for all once to die do therefore make and ordain this
my last Will and Testament in manner and form as
follows viz) — I do resign up my soul into
the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent
manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing
doubting but I shall receive it again through the
mighty power of Christ, and as touching such and
= by things substance as it hath pleased God to
bless me with, I dispose in manner and form
as follows viz)

I will and Ordain that all my law-
 full debts be paid and pay'd out of my Personal
 Estate. *Item 3^d* I also Will and Ordain that my son
 George and Daughters viz- Mary, Eliza and Frances
 shall have sufficient Schooling to be paid out of my
 Estate. *Item 4th* I leave and Bequeath unto my be-
 loved son Walter, the Negro Wench Alice with her increase
 except her first born, which I ordain to be given unto
 Eliza when the child is two years old but if Eliza dies
 under the said Negro child to be given unto my
 Daughter Frances. *Item 5th* I leave and bequeath
 unto my beloved son George the Negro boy Sam to
 keep him at the years of Maturity, but if George
 should die in Minority then the Negro Sam to be
 given unto my Daughter Rachel. *Item 6th* I
 leave and Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter
 Elizabeth my black Cow. *Item 7th* I leave and
 Bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Piana my
 white Kieper. *Item 8th* I also leave and bequeath
 unto my beloved Daughter ~~Nancy~~ ~~my~~
~~Rachel~~ my red and white Kieper. *Item 9th* I
 leave and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Nancy
 my red Kieper. *Item 10th* I also leave and bequeath
 unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth my Mansion

House and Lands during her life time to ^{Con}
 support with all their Hurdlements profits and
 advantages for her maintenance and bringing
 up of my four Youngest Children. As also my
 Negro Man Harry and Negro Wench Betty to have
 and to hold during her life and at her death the
 land to be equally divided between my beloved sons
 Luke and Matthew and the above said Negroes
 to be equally divided amongst my Daughters
 that I have left no Slaves unto. Provided ^{that} I
 that if my beloved Wife Elizabeth should die shortly
 I ordain that the above said Plantation and Slaves
 with all their profits and advantages (viz their
 Tents and Kins) should be expended in bringing
 up my four Youngest Children until the young-
 est is twelve years old, and then to be divided as
 above written, but if Mrs Betty live I leave during
 my Wifes life time the said Issue I will and ordain
 to be equally divided amongst my Daughters that I
 have left no particular Slaves unto, and as touching
 all the rest of my Goods and Chattels, I leave and
 Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth to have
 and to hold for ever except Negro Abraham
Item 11th I also leave and bequeath unto my

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Beloved Daughter Diana Negro Abraham
HAPP 12th I also will and ordain that my beloved
sons Walter and Luke shall be the sole Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, and do here-
by revoke and disannull all former Wills and
Testaments whatsoever, Given under my hand
and seal this 6th day of June Anno Domini
One thousand seven hundred and Eighty One
Signed sealed pronounced and ^{delivered} in the
Presence of ~~me~~

The Eighteenth line read ^{at} and entitling be for it was sign

John ^{his} Adams
mark

Rachel ^{his} Adams
mark

John ^{his} Adams
mark

Matthew ^{his} Adams
mark



State of North Carolina } In the name
Rowan County } of God Amen

Whereas I David Davis being in a low State of
Health and knowing not the day of my Death yet
being of perfect mind and Memory do find it
necessary to Constitute this my last Will and
Testament, and first of all I do assign my

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spirit to god that gave it, hoping that it
may and through faith do believe that it will
be raised at the general Resurrection and united
with this Body and received into glory and
next of all I do assign my Body to the Earth
with all the charges of a decent Burial AND
furthermore in regard of my worldly Goods, Chattels
Lands and Tenements by these presents do will
and confirm as follows. A certain tract and
parcel of land lying and being in the County and
State aforesaid on the Yadkin River below the mouth
of Flat swamp on the north side of said River, contain-
ing three hundred Acres more or less Agreeable to
the surveying thereof to my Wife Hannah Davis during
her Widowhood, Remains and Remained to my daugh-
ter Elizabeth Davis with all the rights titles and ap-
purtenances therunto belonging, to have and to
hold forever I Right of dower excepted. The above
land to be dealt with agreeable to the last will
and Testament of John Davis deceased Between
Benja Davis & David Davis, Furthermore
my part of the homestead plantation Agreeable
to the last Will of John Davis my Father