

61 In the name of God Amen the second day
of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
& three I Henry Davis of Stokes County in the state
of north Carolina being in health of body & of perfect
Mind & Memory thanks be given to God therefore calling to mind
the Mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & testament
Viz: Principally & first of all I give & recommend
my soul into the hands of God who gave it & for my
body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a decent
& Christian like manner at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} 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 hath pleased God
to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of the same
in the following Manner & form. Imprimis it is my will
& do order that in the first place all my just debts & funeral
expences be paid & satisfied out of my movable estate. Item
I give to Ruth my well beloved wife the whole of my movable
estate after my debts are paid and likewise that fifty acres
of land whereon I now dwell lying in the County aforesaid
being the south east corner of a lot containing two hundred
& fifty acres that I purchased from Frederic William Marshall
it begins at the south east corner of said lot & runs north
with the D line thirty two Chains & thirty links thence West
eight Chains thence South two Chains thence west eight
Chains thence South thirty Chains & thirty links to the
line on the South Side of said lot and thence east with
said line sixteen Chains to the beginning the line subject to
the usual variation. I likewise order that my wife shall
have as much of the front in the old orchard as she
shall stand in need of & a privilege in the pasture above
the Meadow & the lower half of the Meadow as it
now stands divided and also the field on the South

side of the Meadow the whole of those privileges
are to be for her use during the time she remains my
widow. She is likewise to have a privilege of giving any
of the household goods to any of her Children but
not to be moved from her possession during her time
without consent of my Ex^{rs}. Item I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Mary wife of Jacob Henry the above
mentioned fifty acres of land as it is particularly bounded
& described to her & to her heirs & assigns forever after her
Mother's decease. Item I give & bequeath to my son
Jesse Davis two hundred acres of land in said County Stokes
County lying part of a lot of two hundred and fifty acres
that I purchased of Frederic William Marshall the fifty
acres above mentioned being first taken out of the South
corner as is particularly described the remaining two hundred
acres as they stand described in a Return & obligation from
the said Marshall & likewise my Surveying instruments
I give to my son Jesse Davis & to his heirs & assigns forever
but still reserving his Mother's privilege therein during her
time. Item I give to my son James Davis all the right
that I have to that Plantation whereon he now dwells
lying Stokes County which I purchased of John Hearn & contain
upwards of two hundred acres and thirty acres to him his
heirs and assigns forever. Item I give & bequeath to my
grand daughter Sarah Belling a piece of land lying in
Rowan County lying at Peter Belinghams corner
in Stokes line and runs south twenty five chains & fifty
links to a white oak the corner of a lot formerly belonging
to Frederic Miller thence west with Frederic Miller line
fifty nine Chains thence North twenty six chains to said Stokes
line & thence east with said line to the beginning including
one hundred and fifty acres to her & her heirs & assigns
forever (but in case) she should die without living issue then

66 the said lot of land shall be divided equally between my Daughters or their heirs.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Martha the wife of Elizer Smith a piece of Land lying at the back West Cor of a lot conveyed to John Pegg in Madison Co and runs south with said line thirty four chains & fifty links to a Black oak thence east forty five chains thence north thirty four chains & fifty links to said Pegg's corner by a branch & thence west to the beginning including one hundred & fifty acres to her & her heirs & assigns forever. And as for my other lands that is not herein mentioned I order that they shall be sold and the Money arising therefrom shall be made use of for the Maintenance of my wife during the time she remains my widow. And after her decease I order that the money which may be left of the sale of the above mentioned lands together with the Movable estate that my wife hath not disposed of be equally divided between my first son or his heirs my Grand Daughter Sarah Boringhame or if then living to have an equal share with my own children.

And lastly I appoint my two sons James Davis & Joseph Davis my only & sole executors of this my last Will & testament & I do hereby revoke & disannul all former Wills & testaments by me before this now named Willed & bequeathed Relieving this & no other to be my last Will & testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my my hand & seal the day & Year first herein above written

Signed Sealed Published pronounced & declared by the said Henry Davis to be his last will & testament in presence of us the Subscribers
Jacob Weiss
Mary Weiss
Henry Davis

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Hoke's form 1875
March term 1875

The last Will & Testament of Henry Davis Deceased of which the foregoing is a true Copy was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Jacob Weiss & ordered to be recorded.
Done accordingly

Rob Williams C.
J. M. T. Armstrong

In the name of God Amen

I Jonathan Varnum of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being sick & weak the in sound mind & memory thanks be to God & calling to mind the Mortality of life do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form as follows

I first recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it me & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent christian burial at the direction of my executor

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith I hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form as follows.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Taylor one Dollar & no more by reason that I positioned her off at her marriage