

September term 1844.

The Execution of the last will and Testament of John T. Blackburn deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved by Madison Blackburn, G. H. Nelson & Wm. A. Lusk and John P. Smith, George Linsell and Isaac Golding, who swore that said will was in the hand writing of said deceased. And ordered to be recorded.

Wm. Hill.

In the name of God Amen, I James Davis of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina being in a good state of health as can be expected of a man of my advanced age & at present in sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following: *Imprimis*,

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Davis all my lands from Duckin, Shoal creek on the south side of Dan River down the ~~Dan~~ River so far as my land extends to gether with all the premises belonging thereto including my mansion house, also all my household & kitchen furniture of every description, also nine negroes to wit, Pomy, Lewis, Moss, Minny, Leah, Nell, Delphe, and Therry and Mart to remain with her my wife during her natural life then after her decease to be sold & equally divided among all my now surviving children, except the above named negro woman Therry and her increase after the death of my wife Margaret Davis to go to my son William Davis. Further it is my will and desire that my Daughter Elender Dearing deceased shall have an equal part with my now surviving children to be

Equally divided among her children in the sale of the ¹⁶⁴ above negroes. Further I give to my wife Margaret Davis all my stock of every description except what is hereafter disposed of otherwise together with all my plantation and Blacksmith tools waggons and gear of every description with all other articles belonging to and for the use of the plantation including the stills to remain with her during her natural life in order that the business of every kind may be carried on as it now is as much as possible. It is my will and desire would be that my son William should undertake on such terms as he and his mother could agree on to carry on the business of the plantation and all pertaining thereto for the mutual advantage of both.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son James Davis all my lands on Dan River that he has now not got a title for as thus beginning on the north bank of Dan River a little below opposite the mouth of Duckling Shoal creek at a fresh marked post oak sapling running on a fresh line nearly north crossing what is called McAnallys road that leads to Virginia continuing on a fresh marked line crossing little Snow creek or commonly called Linder creek near a new cobbin built for Patsy Southern thence on a fresh marked line as far as my land extends to Haynes County, claim land also the tract of land on Big Snow creek that John Mitchell formerly lived on adjoining Haynes land also my furnace tract bought of Peter Hairston also the mills on the River and Snow creek with all the lands I now hold on both sides of the River as far up the River as my land extends to the Henry Madlins line on the north bank of Dan River at the lower end of the old field called Henry Madlins plantation thence down and crossing the River to the south side below the mouth of a Branch in the Madlins land running up the left side near the branch and old marked line continuing through the Madlins plantation in that direction as far as my land extends leaving the Balance of the Madlins tract as I intend giving that part to my Daughter Rebecca Dearing. I also give a tract of four hundred acres to my son James Davis lying on the banks of Snow creek which land was devised to my by Constantine Ladd Sheriff deceased. *Wm. Davis*

15 which will fully appear by referring to the registers office
Book C page 116 But James to pay one third the value
to my Sister Elender McDaniel. Likewise I give to
my son James the Cuggins plantation bought of the
Walls containing near Two Hundred acres. Also I
further give my negro man Charles and negro man
Tom to my son James Davis, by his paying my
Executors one Hundred dollars for their trouble and
services

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Davis all
my lands lying on the north side of Can River begining
on the north bank of said river where my son
James Davis land is first named to wit, a little
below opposite the mouth of Ducking Shoal creek
on the fresh marshes prostrate sapling being the
same marked for my son James Davis rubbing on
the new marked line mentioned for my son James
Davis as far as my land extends in that direction
and all as far as my land extends down the River.
I further give & bequeath to my son William
Davis all my lands first named from the Ducking
Shoal creek to down the south side of the river as
far as my land extends to have and enjoy after the
decease of my beloved wife Margaret Davis, I also
give and bequeath to my son William Davis a tract
of land of five hundred & fifty acres that I purchased
of my nephew Anthony Davis attorney for his
father William Davis being the tract of land that
Ninston Carter now lives on. Jas Davis

Also my negro man Tom to my son William Davis,
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Salmon
over and above what I have already given her the negro
woman Sue by that I lately bought of her husband
John Salmon also a negro boy named Salem during
her natural life then to be sold and equally divided
among her lawful heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to daughter Jane Covington
Edmond and Bayles Two negro men during her natural
life over and above what I have already given
her then to be sold and equally divided among
her lawful heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca
Deering over and above what I have hitherto

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given her all the Washington plantation whereon she
& her family now live, on as low as the line marked
on both sides of the River before mentioned for my son
James Davis also I give my Daughter Rebecca Deering
a negro girl named Amos during her natural life then
to be sold and equally divided amongst her lawful heirs
with the said Amos increase.
Item I give and bequeath to the heirs of Elender Deering
deceased a negro boy named Charles to be sold and equally
divided over and above what has already been given.
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Bethony Cason
over and above what I have already given her a negro
girl named Agge and a negro boy named Crandiering
her natural life then to be sold together with their in-
crease and equally divided amongst her lawful
heirs. Jas Davis

Item I give and bequeath to Anna Cason my daughter
over and above what I have already given her during her
natural life a negro girl named Elvira and a negro boy
named Stokes and at her decease to be sold together
with their increase and equally divided amongst
her lawful heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret
Carter over and above what I have already given
her a negro girl named Hall and a child named Leah
during her natural life then to be sold and equally
divided together with their increase amongst her
lawful heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Menervin
Davis daughter of my daughter Margaret Carter a negro
man Topsy and a negro woman Crasa to remain in
the hands of my son William Davis as guardian for
her until she becomes of age - I also will for my
wife Margaret Davis to give my grand daughter Minnie
one good horse saddle & Bridle a good feather bed
and furniture.

Item It is further my will and desire that my son
William Davis do decently clothe support & educate
my grand daughter Menervin Davis for the use of the
negroes till she becomes of age and in case of her
death without issue the negroes given her to remain
with my wife Margaret Davis during natural life.

Jas Davis

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*I then to be sold and Equally Divided between all my children but otherwise I give the above named negroes to her my grand daughter Menervia during her natural life and at her death to be sold with their increase and equally divided amongst her children should she have any otherwise to be equally divided between the heirs of my own children.

Then I further give and bequeath unto the heirs of each of my Daughters an equal part if ever obtained of a tract of land of five hundred Acres lying on the Obine River in the State of Tennessee of right claimed under Deed from Judge James Martin son of Col. James Martin.

Lastly I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Margaret Davis to this my last will and Testament my Executive and my trusty friends Jeremiah Gibson & Hampton Byrnes my Executors to this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I the said James Davis hath to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal the 27th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three Signed sealed published and declared to be my last will and Testament

In presence of us

M. A. Mitchell

Charles McAnally

James Davis *Test*

Then it is still further my will that at the dissolution or death of my beloved wife Margaret Davis that all remaining on the plantation that is stock of every kind plantation tools and all other articles together with the house hold and kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of remain on the plantation and that my son William Davis be the right owner thereof also what money I have in hand is to be applied in paying my debts again signed sealed published and declared to be part of my last will and Testament in presence of us

M. A. Mitchell

Charles McAnally

James Davis *Test*

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The Execution of the last will & Testament of James Davis (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by Wm. A. Mitchell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & by Wm. McAnally who proved the hands writing of the other subscribing witness of Charles McAnally & ordered to be recorded.

W. A. Mitchell

I Elizabeth McAnally of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, being of Sound mind and Memory do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First that my Executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with just debts howsoever to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Secondly I give and devise to my daughter Mary Boothe two hundred and nineteen dollars for the benefit of her and her two youngest children with the interest.

Item Thirdly I give and bequeath to my eldest son Charles McAnally the sum of five Shillings.

Item Fourthly I give to my second daughter Rebecca Wright one thousand and eighty one dollars with interest.

Item Fifthly I give and bequeath to my son John McAnally surviving Sons four thousand dollars with the interest to be Equally divided among them.

Item Sixthly I give and bequeath to the heirs of Lisa McAnally two thousand dollars with the interest.

Item Seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth