

WILLIAM DAVIS

State of South Carolina) In the name of God Amen I William Davis of the
Marion District) District and State aforesaid being in perfect
health of body of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised
be God for the same do make this my last Will & testament in manner & form
following To wit It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Davis
do have the privilege of living on the plantation whereon I now reside for
and during the term of her natural life or widowhood To my said beloved
wife I give and bequeath for and during the term of her natural life all
the negroes and other slaves together with their natural increase which she
inherited or in any other manner became entitled to and received from the
state of her late Father Upon the death of my said wife it is my will and
desire that the above described negro & Other Slaves together with their
natural increase shall go to & be equally divided & apportioned among my
children hereinafter named & any other children which my said wife may here-
after either by the present or any subsequent Inter-marriage. I further give
and bequeath to my beloved wife Six Cows & calves Six breeding sows a Bed &
furniture the Kitchen furniture & my sorrel mare called Silvice to her and
her heirs forever To my children James Thomson, William Henry, Deborah McKee
Robert Dunnam, Rachael Elisabeth & Nimrod David to each of them I give &
bequeath a Seventh part of all the negroes & other slaves together with there
present and future increase which I owned at the time of my intermarriage
with my said wife Subject however to the limitations & provisions made & set
forth The remaining seventh part of the said last mentioned negro & other
slaves including the present & future increase of the same with also all and
other property as well real as personal which any preceding or subsequent
clause or clauses in this my last will and Testament may equitably entitle
my daughter Ann Stethard O'Brien to receive the same I give to my said son
James Thomson in Special trust and confidence to and for the exclusive use
benefit and advantage of my said daughter Ann Stethard O'Brien and her chil-
dren should she have any to be free from and in no wise subject to the con-
trol of her present husband or in the Smallest degree to be liable for any of
his Debts & contracts. My beds and furniture except the one herein before
disposed of I give and bequeath to my said children to be equally divided

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among them The rest and residue of my personal together with my real Estate I will and direct my hereinafter named Executors to sell at their discretion for the payment of my legal debts and do herein authorize and empower them to make and execute all or any such conveyance or conveyances for the same as the law may require. It is my will and desire any bequest or devise herein before made to the contrary notwithstanding should any of my said children (my said daughter Ann Stothard O Brian included) die leaving no children that all the negro & other Slaves including their natural slaves increase together with every species of property which said deceased child shall or may have received or become entitled to by virtue of this my last will & testament & the same shall in such an event go to & be equally divided among my surviving children strict regard being had in the distribution thereof to the right of representation as far as the children of a deceased brother or sister of the deceased child. For the execution of this my last will and testament I do herein and hereby make constitute and appoint my said beloved wife Mary Davis Executor my said two sons James Thomson William Henry and my beloved brother Henry Davis Executors thereof hereby revoking and making void all other will or wills and testaments at any time by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one and in the forty fifth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America Signed Sealed declared and published as and for the last will and testament of William Davis in the presence of us who at his request & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

Nathaniel P Newson

William Davis (SEAL)

Thos P Godfrey

J^r Lagerton

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