

Last Will and Testament of Abner Davis

Georgia } In the name of God, Amen, I Abner Davis
Henry County } of the County of Henry in the State of
Georgia being of sound mind and memory,
but weak in body and taking into consideration that it is
appointed unto all men once to die, do make this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following—

First— I commit my soul to God who gave it; and my
body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner.

Second Item— My will is that all my just debts be speedily
paid out of my worldly substance—

Third Item— I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth the following, negroes— Arthur and Maria his
wife and their fair children to wit, Elvira, Walker, Mar-
tha and Esariah also a negro man named Lim, to her and
her heirs forever— Also I give and bequeath to my said wife
my carriage and horses, together with all the stock of every
kind in Henry County to wit, horses, cows, hogs, sheep &c.
together with all the provision and provender to her
and her heirs forever— Also I give and bequeath to my
said wife Ten shares in the Augusta and Athens Rail-
Road and all the household and kitchen furniture
except four beds bedsteads and furniture, the Desk and
case of Drawers, to her and her heirs forever Also I give
to my said wife my gold watch to her and her heirs
for ever— Also I lend to my said wife the dwelling
house where we now reside and lot on which it stands
and the lot whereon I have a small plantation a-
bout a mile and a half from McDonough during
her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease
or intermarriage the said loaned property is to be sold
and the proceeds equally divided between my son Samuel
Parrish and my Daughter Elizabeth Shigail to them and
their heirs forever—

Fourth Item— I give and bequeath to my son Samuel
Parrish one negro boy named Leander, my Desk and book-
case, and two beds bedsteads and furniture of his own choo-
sing my silver watch, fifty shares in the Augusta Rail-
Road, the rifle gun, and two thousand dollars in money
to him and his heirs forever—

Fifth Item— I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Elizabeth Shigail one negro girl named Tillah the

case of Drawers, two beds bedsteads and furniture of her own choosing and forty shares in the Augusta and Athens Rail Road to her and her heirs forever

Sixth Item - I give and bequeath to the Mercer Institute in Green County five hundred dollars to be applied as the managers think best - Also I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Tract Society five hundred dollars - Also I give and bequeath to the Burman Mission five hundred dollars to be forwarded to Burma by the General Convention - Also I give and bequeath to Peter Northen my agent in Jones County five hundred dollars which I expect to be in full for his services in attending to my business in Jones and some of the adjoining Counties to him and his heirs forever -

Seventh Item - I give my Books to my said wife and children to be divided between them as they think proper

Eighth Item - All the rest of my property both real and personal my will is that it be sold at public outcry on a credit of one year (except my mills in Jones County and so much of the land adjoining them as my Executors think best and the Union Hotel in Shamston and lots connected with it, these I wish, the Mills and Hotel I think had best be sold on a credit of one, two, and three years) but I submit this my Executors) and the proceeds after having paid out the Legacies herein mentioned is to be divided as follows to wit. one fifth part thereof I give and bequeath to my said wife to her and her heirs forever And the remaining four fifths to be equally divided between my son Samuel Parrish and Elizabeth Abigail to them and their heirs forever - My wish is that my son Samuel be sent to the Columbian College at the City of Washington to finish his Education - and that my Daughter be sent to some good boarding school at the discretion of her mother and my Executors - And lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my said beloved wife my Executrix and my trusty friends Edmund Low, Andrew R. Moore and Jesse B. Campbell all of Henry County my Executors to this my last will and Testament - Published Pronounced and declared this 31st day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty four

Witness my hand and seal
Signed and sealed in the presence of

Wm Beck

Samuel Parrish

Wendley Varner

Abner Davis

Seal

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Georgia } Ordinary Court June adjourned Term
Henry County } 1834 - We William Beck, Caswell Purifoy
Joy and Heridley Warner to swear that we
saw Daniel Davis sign seal publish and declare the foregoing
writing (to which our several names appear as witnesses)
to be and containing his last will and testament. That we
subscribed the same as witnesses at his request in his pres-
ence and in the presence of each other that at the time
thereof he was of sound disposing mind and memory
and that he did it freely without compulsion to the best
of our knowledge So help us God
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 18th June 1834 Caswell Purifoy,
Wm Beck

A. G. Murray D.C.C.O.

Court of Ordinary June adjourned Term 1834

Into open Court personally came Elizabeth Davis
the Executrix and Edmund Low Andrew R Moore and Jesse
W Campbell Executors named in the foregoing Will who af-
ter being duly sworn said this writing containing the true
last will of the within named Daniel Davis deceased so
far as we or either of us know or believe and that we
will truly execute the same by paying first the debts
and then the legacies contained in said Will so far
as his goods and chattels will thereunto extend and the
law charge us and that we will make a true and perfect
Inventory of all such goods and chattels So help us God
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court Elizabeth Davis
this 18th June 1834 E Low

A. G. Murray D.C.C.O.

Andrew R Moore
Jesse W Campbell

Recorded this 32nd day of November 1834