

Lastly, I constitute & appoint m^r David Lane, my son in Law
Burrill & Shetter joint Executors to this my last will & testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twentieth day of November
In the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven Hundred & Eighty nine.

Signed, sealed, published &
delivered, in presence of
P. Sawyer & Charnal Corbin

David Lane



Halifax County Lt^{ts} August 29th 1790. Then this Will was exhibited in Open
Court & duly proved by the Oaths of Patrick Sawyer & Charnal Corbin the Witnesses thereto &
on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, whereupon David Lane & Burrill Shetter, came in & was
Qualified as Executors thereto in due form. Test - W^m Rooten C. C.

In the Name of God. Amen, I Nathan Davis of Halifax County in Virginia
being in perfect sense, mind & Memory, do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament
in manner & form as followeth. Viz^t -

I give & devise to my eldest son John Davis the Plantation whereon
he now lives, containing One Hundred Acres, more or less, also one Negro man named
John. I give & devise to my second son, Benjamin Davis, one Brandy Hill
Carp & Wagon, also one Tract of Land in Nash County, containing 150 Acres, Beginning
on Fishing Creek, aka White Oak, at the Mouth of the White Oak branch, running E. to
a Turkey Oak wall bark line, then S. to a pine a corner tree, then W. to a Turkey Oak
wall bark line, then N. along said line to the first mentioned Creek, so known as Church
to the first station, it being a Tract of Land I have purchased of Nathaniel Davis.

I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jany Matthews, ten pounds lawful Money
of this state.

I give & devise my Daughter, Martha Blunt may have the use of one Negro Girl named
patt having her left eye, after her decease to the right & Property of her daughter, fully &

I give & devise unto my Daughter, Catherine Davis, one Negro Woman named
Ester, & all her increase.

I give & devise to my son in law Joseph Blunt, the land & Plantation
whereon I now live, containing 200 Acres, more or less, being both pieces of fishing creeks
his share he may have and Negro Boy named Peter one Leather Bed & Span it
two cows, Calves, two pigs & Pigs, & two Cows & Lambs.

I give & devise in that one Negro Man named James, one Negro woman
named Lammie, one Negro boy named Jack, one Negro girl named Nancy, may
be disposed & divided to settle with Jany of Chloee Blunt, Polly Blunt, Bony Blunt,
Abel Blunt & Joseph Blunt & the remainder of the Value of the above s^d Negroes
after, I intend may be equally divided between the above s^d Chloee, Polly, Bony
Rebeck & Joseph Blunt, & my grand Daughter in law Molly Garrett.

I give & devise also to the s^d Boy Peter above mentioned, a Tract of Land in Nash

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In the Name of God

County, containing One Hundred Acres, beginning at the Mouth of the White Oak
branch, or Fishing Creek, at a White Oak, turning E. to a Turkey Oak in Water
line, thence to the Creek, so up S. Creek to Jacobs old line, then along to the
Oak the S. Creek to the Last Station.

I.W.M. I desire that after my Just debts & Legacies, herein mentioned, is paid
that the Remainder & Residue of my Estate may be Equally Divided between
Davis, Benjⁿ Davis, Sarah Matthews, Martha Blunt, & Patience Davis, I my
three Grand Children, that is now living in the State of Georgia (to wit) John
Matthews, Patsy Matthews & Patience Matthews, (i.e.) that the s^d three shall have
one equal share Equally Divided among them.

Lastly. I nominate & appoint my son John Davis, & my trusty friend John
Harrison Senr. my whole Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament & that
my whole Estate, may be settled & divided at the Election & direction of these my Ex^{rs}
of this my last will & Testament making void all other wills by me hitherto
made I will that whomever I have in my hand & affixed my seal this June
17th second. Day of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred & Ninety

John & sealed in presence of
Robert Spear, Joseph Hadley & Ambrose Hadley } Arthur Davis
Halifax County Va

August 23rd 1790. This this Will was Exhibited in open
Court & duly proved by the Oath of Joseph Hadley & Ambrose Hadley, two of the Just
scribing its contents, thence to be Recorded, Whereupon John
Davis, Came in & was a Qualified in due form of Law as an Executor thereof.
Test, W^m Wooten & Co^{rs}
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In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Turner of the County of
Halifax State of N^o Carolina, Being sick & weak in Body, but in Sound & Perfect Memory,
Memory thanks be to God, last calling to mind the Mortality of Mankind & knowing that
I appointe small Men one to six, Do make, make, make, constitute & appoint this my last
will & Testament following

First - I give & bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah Turner & to her heirs
perpetual, whomever I now live, all the Land belonging thereto.

I.W.M. I give & bequeath to my loving Wife Sarah Turner, I her Heirs on her
Widow during her Life give & bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah Turner & to her
heirs the Remainder of my whole Estate consisting of Hogs, Cows, Cattle, Hens
& Kitchen Furniture, best all the Crop that now growing

I.W.M. Lastly I nominate & constitute & appoint my loving wife Sarah

The Testator's Will

James Davis Will

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