

Will of Thomas Davis, 1826  
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retaining original spelling.

In the name of God amen

I Thomas Davis of Greene County and State of Tennessee being weake of body but sound in minde and in my perfect recolection calling to minde the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men to die I Therefore do make ordain and constitute this instrument to be my last will and testamen Utterly revoking all other former wills by me made and all other Executors by me appointed I now declare this to be my last will and Testament And First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it And my body to the Earth to be intered in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching my worldly estate I dispose of in the following manner and form And first of all I charge my Executors faithfully to pay all my just debts and funeral expences and then all my children to whome I have allrady given Negros or other property for them to have and enjoy & keep the same them and their heirs forever.

1st I give and bequeath unto my son John Davis a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in said county of Greene and on the South side of the dry-fork of Camp Creek Beginning at a white oake on the South bank of said dry-fork of Camp Creek marked as a corner between said land and an other lot bequeathed to my son James H Davis thence South Forty Nine degrees west until that course will intersect the South boundry line of a Survey of myen of Two Hundred Acres Grant baring date the 20th Septr 1789 thence East with the outside line of said tract to whare said survey intersects with an other survey of mine of Two Hundred Acres granted the 12th of Jany 1793 thence South with said survey to the South west corner thereof thence East an other line of said tract One Hundred and Twenty Five poles to an other corner of said tract thence North (an other of line of said tract) to the Dry-fork of Camp Creek thence down said Dry-fork with the various meanders there of to the beginning be the same more or less together with all the right title claime and interest to the said land belonging or in any ways appertaining to him and his Heirs forever as a clear free and an indefeesible inheritance in fee simple.

Secdly I give and bequeath unto my Son James H Davis a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Greene County aforsaid and on the South-west side of the Dry-fork to be bounded as followeth that is to say the Dry-fork to be North East boundry and a line mentioned in the former legacy to be the South boundry thence down the western bank of Camp Creek to the confluence of it and the Dry-fork so as to include all his present improvements be the same more or less together with all the priviledges and immunities there unto belonging with all the right title claim and interest as clear free and an indifeesible inheritance in fee simple to him & his Heirs forever.

Thirly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally B. Holland a certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Greene aforesaid it being the land and primeses where on I now live that on is to say all my land on the East of the Dry-fork and all on the North and East of the main Camp Creek (except what is in the Dearman Survey none of which is to be included in her legacy) be the same more or less together with all the improvements thereon and all the right title clame and intrust to the said land and primeses belonging or in any ways appertaining to her and her Heirs lawfully begotten of her body as clear free and an indifesible inheritance in fee simple. And furthermore I will that my old Negro woman be kept on this plantation and my daughter Sally B. Holland have care of her but for not to be sold on any occation.

Forthly It is my will that my Negro man Harold Fryday be under the direction of my Executors and hired among the Heirs until he has earned Two Hundred dollars or until Four Years after my decease and then to be legally emanseparted according to law.

Fifthly I give and bequeath all the residue of my estate real and personal(not otherwise named in the above legases) to be equally divided amongst my children that is to say William Davis John Davis James H Davis Nancy Hickson Patience Kannady Polly Alexander Betsy Dyke and Sally B. Holland to them and their Heirs To be sold and the procedes equally divide or to apportioned in lots amongst them as may best sute them

Sixthly I appoint and constitute my Son James H Davis and my son-in-law Jacob Dyke Executors to this my last will and testament xnde a full conviction that they will execute the same according to the true intent and meaning of the same

I now therefore declare and publish this to be my last will and Testament

Thos Davis

Signed sealed and published in the presence of

Stephen Brooks

Archibald McAfee

Thos Davis's last will and testament  
exhibited and proven at Oct Session 1826  
executors qualified

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