

Will, DE, Sussex, Mary Davis 1788

In the name of God, Amen.

The 17th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight 1788, I, **MARY DAVIS** of Cedar Creek Hundred, Sussex County in the Delaware State, relict and widow of **SAMUEL DAVIS**, late of this same place, deceased, being sick and weak of body, bot of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for his mercies, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, & that it is appointed for all the human race once to die, do make, ordain and constitute this, and no other, to be my Last Will and Testament.

IMPRIMIS I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it me, & as to my body, I leave it to be buried in a decent like Christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the might power of God, and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, bequeath and dispose of the same after the following manner and form.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son **ISAAC DAVIS** one shilling and no more.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son **WILLIAM DAVIS** one shilling and no more.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my daughter **NACYSA [NANCY] DAVIS** one feather bed & furniture, also one pewter dish & one pewter plate, likewise three silver tea spoons.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH DAVIS** (who I constitute to be sole executrix of this my last will & testament) all & singular the residue and remainder (that I have not mentioned) of my estate to her, her heirs & assigns.

And I do hereby disannul & revoke all former wills & testaments whatsoever, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

MARY DAVIS {seal}

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal in the presents of

RATLIFF [RATCLIFF] POYNTER
DAVID WILLIAMS
SHADRACK STURGIS

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Memorandum the 20th day of December 1788 before me **PHILLIPS KOLLOCK**, register appointed for this probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration for the county aforesaid, appeared **RATLIFF [RATCLIFF] POYNTER** and **SHADRACK STURGIS**, two of the Witnesses to the within will, who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God did severally depose and say that in their sight presence and hearing the testatrix, **MARY DAVIS** did sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament, and that at the doing thereof she was of a sound and perfect mind and memory and judgment, and that they and each of them, together with **SHADRACK STURGIS**, subscribed the same as Witnesses in the presence of testatrix and at her request.

PHILLIPS KOLLOCK, reg.

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