

**Will, NC, Mecklenburg, David Davis, 1776**

I, **DAVID DAVIS** of Mecklenburg County in North Carolina, being weak and body but of perfect mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, calling to mind the uncertainty of my time in this transitory world and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordained this my last will and testament in Manner and form following, that is to say first recommend my soul and body to God that gave it as to what worldly good that God bestowed upon me I dispose of his manner following:

IMPRIMIS I order that my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and discharged by my Executives here after named.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY** fifteen Shillings truck to be delivered to her 12 months after my decease.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughters **JANE, MARGARET, and ELIZABETH** fifteen Shillings each to be delivered as above.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ELIJAH** fifteen shillings to be delivered as above.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH** one good feather bed bedding and its furniture and our Sorrel Mare now in my possession and saddle and bridle and one good cow and calf.

ITEM I order and it is my will that my executor hereinafter named will provide my daughter **SARAH** a good chest to be delivered to her as soon as they conveniently can.

ITEM I give and devise my land that I now live on containing by estimation one hundred and fifty acres together with the buildings and appurtenances thereon unto belonging to my two sons **WILLIAM** and **GEORGE** to come to the full at the age of twenty one.

ITEM I give and bequeath to the rest and residue of my personal estate to my beloved wife **ELIZABETH** for the discharging of my just debts and her support hereafter.

ITEM I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife **ELIZABETH DAVIS** and **WILLIAM HENRY** of this county to be my executors of this my last will and testament. And lastly I disanull and make void all former wills, either in word or writing, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of November 1776.

**DAVID DAVIS** {seal}

Signed sealed and pronounced and declared to be last will and testament of David Davis in the sight and presence of us

**JOSEPH MOORE**  
**WILLIAM TODD**  
**JOHN DAVIS**