

Will, NC, Rowan, **GEORGE DAVISON, 1758**

In the name of God, amen.

This 29th day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, I **GEORGE DAVISON** of the province of North Carolina and county of Rowan, planter, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory blessed be God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after death the judgment, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all:

I GIVE and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor.

AND as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and demise I dispose of in the following manner and form, viz:

FIRST I appoint and allow all my legal debts and funeral charges to be punctually paid out of the whole of my estate.

SECONDLY I bequeath unto **MARGARET [DAVISON]**, my well beloved wife, one tract of land at Broad River on the Beaver Dams and one tract at Fishing Creek to her own proper use and behoof with the use of the plantation I now live on during her natural life and all the ready cash now in my possession or at my death and all the debts then due beside her thirds.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my beloved sone **GEORGE [DAVISON]** the the plantation and tract of land on which I now live to be enjoyed by him as his own lawful inheritance after his aforesaid mother's death.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my other son **WILLIAM DAVISON** all that tract of land on the north side of Fourth Creek adjoining **WILLIAM REA's** land, containing three hundred acres.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my wife's son **JAMES SIMMEREL** a tract of land adjoining the land of **WILLIAM EDWARDS** whereon Fort Dobbs now stands.

ITEM to my son **SAMUEL [DAVISON]**, son-in-law **ROBERT GIBSON** and grandson **GEORGE DAVISON** I give a shilling sterling each.

The remaining part of my personal estate I leave to be equally divided between my sons **GEORGE [DAVISON]** and **WILLIAM DAVISON** and my stepson **JAMES SIMMEREL**.

LASTLY I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved wife **MARGARET DAVISON** sole executrix of this my last will and testament and also ordain and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends **ALEXANDER OSBURN** and **JOHN BREVARD**, Esq., guardians to take tuition and guardianship of my children and to assist my wife in the management and execution hereof.

AND I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other testament, will or wills, legacies and bequests and executors by me in anywise before named willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year above written.

GEORGE DAVISON {seal, his mark}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said **GEORGE DAVISON** as his last will and testament in presence of us.

JOHN NEILL

JAMES TEMPLETON {his mark}

GEORGE DAVISON

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