

In the Name of God Amen I Mark Davis of Cedar Creek
hundred and County of Sussex and State of Delaware being very weak and in
of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and Calling to mind
the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do
after all my Just debts and funeral Charges are paid Distribute that portion
of Worldly Estate which divine Goodness hath Pleased to bless me with in
manner and form following VIZ.

Imprimis I Give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Sarah Davis
one Negro man named Sam and his wife named Libby each to serve seven
years from this date and one Negro Girl named Nelly and Sib to serve
during his Indenture and my Riding horse and Carriage I also give to my
said Wife the full thirds of my Home Plantation during her widow hood like
wise my will is that no division to be made in the above said Plantation
till three years after my decease she to Enjoy the whole of the Plantation during
said time my Will further is that my sons Manlove Davis & Robert Davis
must pay to their Mother during her Natural life each the sum of four pounds
lawfull money of the State p^a annum or annually and if in Case my said
wife should marry then and in that Case my will is that my sons Mark Davis
Henry Davis & Thomas Davis shall pay to their mother Annually each
of them the sum of four Pounds specie which she is to take in lieu of her thirds
but in Case she Claims her thirds of said Land and refuses to take the money in
lieu thereof from my said sons then in that Case my will is that the above
bequeathments to my said beloved wife shall be void and given up I also
give and bequeath to my beloved wife all the Provisions laid in for the year
and Cloathing for same year to wit wool flax yarn Cloth Lining with my
wearing apparrel to be used by her for herself and family that is with her
and also the best bed and Furniture.

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Manlove Davis the Plantation where he now
lives with all the appurtenances therunto belonging and the and the Marsh adjoining
thereto with the Marsh bought of Joseph Mastet and wife to him and his
Heirs lawfully begotten of his body but if it should so happpen that he should
die without lawfull issue then and in that case my will is that the said land
and marsh shall be and descend to my son Nehemiah Davis to him and his
Heirs lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I Give and to my son Robert Davis all my lands and Marsh in Cedar Creek
Neck to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten for ever but in Case he should
die without Heir as above said then I Give the said Land and marsh
to my son Nehemiah Davis to him and his heirs lawfully begotten
body for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Henry Davis one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining Charles Drapers land the building not be included but if it should so happen that a square line will include the buildings then my will is that an offset shall be taken so as to leave the buildings out of said land and run wide of the building thirteen perches then continued on the same course as at first untill it intersects the Run of Slaughtert Branch and also the burying ground or half an acre is reserved to be used freely by all my family for a burying ground only to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever but in case my said son should die without Heirs as above said then I give the said lands to my son Nehemiah Davis to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Davis one hundred and forty acres of land adjoining his brother Henrys land to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever but in case my said son Thomas should die without lawfull Issue as above said then my will is that said lands shall belong to my son Nehemiah Davis to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Mark Davis one hundred and seventy one acres one quarter acres of land being the Remainder of my said tract of land to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever but in case he should die without lawfull Issue as above said then I give the said one hundred and seventy one acres and a Quarter acres of land to my son Nehemiah Davis to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever.

Item I give to my sons Mark Davis Henry Davis and Thomas Davis one hundred and ten acres of Marsh lying and being in Prime hook Marshes to be equally divided between my said three sons share and share alike to them and their Heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies for ever with twenty acres of Marsh I thought of Robert Watton but if any of my said sons should die without lawfull Issue as above said then I give said share or shares or Dividends to my son Nehemiah Davis to him his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Davis my House and Lot in the Village of Milford adjoining Ebenezer Dells to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever but if he should die without lawfull Issue as above said I give the said House and Lot to my son Nehemiah Davis to him his Heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Nehemiah Davis one Negro lad named Ben and two hundred and fifty pounds in Cash to him and his Heirs and assigns for ever.

but in Case it shall so happen that my son Nehemiah Davis should
any of his Brothers share as set forth by this will then and in that case
the one half of the two hundred and fifty Pounds and the appraised Value of the
one half to go to be equally divided between all my Children and their Legal
Representatives

Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Mary. Manlove one hundred and twenty
five Pounds over and above what I have heretofore Given to her her heirs
and assigns for Ever but in Case she should die without any other Issue then
and in that case her daughter Sally Watton to Enjoy half of the one
hundred and twenty five Pounds above said to her Heirs and assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Davis one Negro Girl named
Sophia and one Negro boy named Izzi also one hundred and sixty pounds
in Cash to her her Heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Sarah Hinds one Negro Boy named
Daniel which is now in the Possession of her father and also fifteen Pounds in
Cash to her her Heirs and assigns for Ever but if she should die without Issue
or Marrying I Give the said Negro Daniel and fifteen Pounds to her sister
Mary Hinds to her her Heirs and Assigns for Ever

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Hinds one Negro
Girl named Caziah and fifteen pounds in Cash to her her Heirs and assigns
for Ever but in Case she should die without Lawfull Issue or Marrying I Give
the above named Caziah and fifteen pounds to her sister Mary Hinds to her
her Heirs and assigns for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Ann Thornton ten Pounds in Cash
to her her Heirs & assigns for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my ^{grand} daughter Elizabeth Davis ten Pounds in Cash to
be paid to my said Grand daughter if she lives to arrive to the age of Eighteen years
or Marrys if not to remain in my Executors hands but if she does either to her
her Heirs and assigns for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son John Davis one negro Girl now in his Posses-
sion Hannah and also twenty pounds in Cash over and above what I have heretofore
Given and Sent him her Heirs and assigns for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Henry Davis one Negro Boy named James and one
Sorel Horse and one bed and Furniture to him her Heirs & assigns for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Mark Davis one Dwelling House that

stands by the Barn to move the same on his land and one man named
tell and one bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns for ever and
one negro Boy named Circe. p. 11. 11. 11

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Robert Davis one Negro man named Sam
now in Possession to him & his Heirs and assigns for ever. p. 11. 11. 11

Item My will and desire is that negro Will and Phibby his wife shall be
free after my Decese and Negroes Jesse and Colter his wife and their
Child named bill shall also be free provided said Jesse complies with
a contract heretofore made between him and me and which I now have
him charged on Book but if he does not his son bill is to belong to my Estate
and he shall have five years to comply with the same and all my other
Negroes divided and not divided to be free the males at thirty three years
of age and the females at thirty years of age but if any or either of my
said negroes should prove disobedient and run their Owners to Cost
they shall serve out S^d Expence after said time is expired. p. 11. 11. 11

Item I give and bequeath all the Remainder of my Estate not heretofore given
to be equally divided between my well beloved wife Sarah Davis and
my sons. Mark Davis John Davis Henry Davis and Thomas Davis
and Sarah Davis my Daughter to them their Heirs assigns for ever
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved Wife
Sarah Davis and my son. Mark Davis in whose wisdom and discretion
I very much confide to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament
and I do hereby revoke all wills of prior date to this and do Publish
this to be my last will and Testament Witness my hand and seal this
fifth day of March 1799. I B whereas sundry of my Children have called
which is called their my will is that Each of my said Children shall
Enjoy and possess the same in the same manner as within set forth
Signed Sealed Published and declared in Presence of us
Nathl Young, James Deputy, William Truitt. } Mark Davis 53

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Memorandum the 6th day of August 1799. Before me George Hayward Register appointed
for the probate of wills and granting Letters of Administration for the County aforesaid
appeared Nathaniel Young Esq. James Deputy and William Truitt, the Subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Will. who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose and say
that in their sight presence and hearing, the Testator Mark Davis did sign seal publish and
declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament, and at the dying thereof he was of a sound &
perfect mind memory and judgment. That they and each of them subscribed the same as
Witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his Request.

Geo Hayward Reg