

### Drewry Davis Will

I Drewry Davis of the County of Northampton and state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first that my executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands (illegible) part or parcel of my estate.

Item 2nd. I leave unto my beloved wife Nancy Davis all of my exstate except one Negro boy Isaac after paying all my just debts during her natural life at the death of my beloved wife Nancy Davis I give all the above (illegible) property to my son Andrew Jackson D. Britton son of Rebecha Britton providing he lives to become twenty one years of age. If my son departs this life in his childhood then it is my will and desire if my son dies before he comes to the age of twenty one years all my estate to be equal divided between my brothers and sisters viz. Dawsey Davis, Durden Davis, Elizabeth Bridgers, Sarah Lewter and Mary Davis to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>, I give and bequeath unto Rebecha Britton and her son Andrew Jackson D. Britton one Negro boy Isaac and said boy Isaac to be hired out and the fees arising from the said boy to be equal divided between Rebecha Britton and her son Andrew Jackson D. Britton until her son becomes 21 years old to them and their heirs forever.

Item 4th, And lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Kinchen Powell my whole and sole executor to this my last will and testament in witness I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1844

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

his  
Drewry (X) Davis (seal)  
mark

William B. Liles

his

Arthur (X) Davis

mark

Northampton County March Court 1845

The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open court as the last will and testament of Drewry Davis decd. and proven in due form of law by the oath of William B. Liles and Arthur Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and recorded whereupon Kinchen Powell came into court and on motion was permitted to qualify as Admn. With the will amended who entered into bond with Henry Spivey, Henderson S. Martin, and Britton Sikes as securities in the sum of eight thousand dollars.

Teste Thos Hughes Clerk