

Arthur Davis Will

In the name of God Amen, I Arthur Davis of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence and being feeble and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, Item 1. It is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent buriel and pay all my just debts out of the first moneys that shall come into his hands, out of the proceeds of my estate. Item 2. I give to my son K. Davis one China Press. Item 3. It is my will and desire that my granddaughter Mary Jane Liles, daughter of Carter F. Liles have the following described land, viz. beginning at the corner white oak at W. J. Liles fence north of the road running from Murfreesboro to Mt. Carmel thence up said road to against a corner post oak on South side of road in W. J. Liles and John Davis line, thence Northwardly along a line of marked trees on K. Davises line to the run of Corduroy Swamp thence down said swamp to W. J. Liles land, thence Southwardly along W. J. Liles (and to the beginning on the Murfreesboro road, supposed to contain eighty acres more or less in fee simple but if she dies before she arrives to the age of twenty years or dies without a lawful heir from her body, it is my will that the above described land shall go to my son K. Davis. Item 4. I give to my granddaughter Adelia Carter Davis one dollar. Item 5. I give to my daughter Rebecca Haysty one dollar. Item 6. I give all the balance of my Estate to my wife Loueazer Davis. Item 7. I hereby constitute and appoint my son K. Davis my lawful Trustee to manage and controll the lands given to my granddaughter Mary Jane Liles to let her have the routs___ of said land untill she arrives to the age of twenty years or has a lawful heir from her body, and in that case she have said land in fee simple. Item 8. Lastly I constitute and appoint my son K. Davis my executor to this my last will and testament to execute and perform this my last will and testament according to its true intent and purpose hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3 day of January 1879.

Signed and sealed
in the presence of us his
who at the request of the Arthur (X) Davis seal
Testator have subscribed our mark
Names as witnesses
W. J. Liles
J. T. Liles

State of North Carolina
Northampton County

In the Probate Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Arthur Davis deceased, is exhibited before me, the undersigned, Judge of Probate for the said county, by Kinchen Davis the executor therein mentioned, and the due execution thereof by the said Arthur Davis by the oath and examination of W. J. Liles, and J. T. Liles the subscribing witnesses thereto; who being duly sworn doth depose and say, and each for himself deposeth and saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will and testament of Arthur Davis, that the said Arthur Davis in the presence of this deponent subscribed his name at the end of said paper writing, which is now shown as aforesaid, and which bears date of 3 January 1879.

And the deponent further saith, that the said Arthur Davis the testator aforesaid, did at the time of subscribing his name as aforesaid declare the said paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to be his last will and testament, and this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed his name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponents subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid the said Arthur Davis was of sound mind and memory, of full age to execute a will, and was not under any restraint to the knowledge, information or belief of this deponent; And further these deponents say not.

Severally sworn and

Subscribed this 5th
day of January 1880
before me
James B. Boone
Probate Judge
State of North Carolina
Northampton County

In the Probate Court upon the foregoing testimony of W. J. Liles and J. T. Liles. It is considered and adjudged that the foregoing paper writing and every part thereof, is the last will and testament of Arthur Davis, and that it is executed with sufficient formality, to the real and personal estate, and is admitted to probate, this the 5th day of January 1880.

James D. Boone C. S. C.
and Probate Judge
Northampton County