

To paid Nathl. Sumners for six years board from 1st Jan'y
1850 to 1st Jan'y 1856 at \$10. per annum
Balance

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12 35 6.3

11 75 6.3

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By balance due the w^{or}d. with interest from this day
W^m B. Shands Commissioner

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office the 23rd day of April 1856
This Account of Nathaniel Sumners' Executorial proceedings on the estate of
Edward L. Sumners d^{ce} and also distributive accounts were returned and read
for exceptions. And at about held for the said County, the 16th day of June
1856. The said account having been on much and upwards in the
Clerk's Office and there being no exceptions thereto, were examined, confirmed
and ordered to be recorded.

W^m B. Shands

L. R. Edwards, C. C.

I, J. M. Davis, of the County of Southampton & State of Va. do make this my last will
and testament in manner & form as follows, viz:

Section 1st. I lend unto my wife during her natural life all my Lands, together
with all my slaves & their increase, I also lend her all my Crops now on hand
all the Barn, all my Household & Kitchen furniture, all my stock of horses,
Mules, Hogs, cattle, sheep, & their increase, all my plantation utensils, but if
she thinks proper, she can sell any part of the stock or crops for her own use.

Section 2nd. I give unto my son Merit J. Davis at my wife's death my mansion
I also give him my man Bernal of one bed, he having had said Bernal
& Bed in possession, but if the Boy Tom should die before he get possession of him
then Merit, Cosby & Yarvis to raise four Hundred Dollars & to give to Merit.

Section 3rd. At my wife's death I give unto my son Merit J. Davis all my land
lying on the south side of the Smithfield road. I also give him my boy Paul, also
my Mills, casks & all my cyder works. I also give unto my Daughter Cosby, One
Bed & furniture. I give unto my son Merit one Bed & furniture.

Section 4th. At my wife's death I give unto my Daughter Yarvis J. Davis my Boy
Joke, One feather Bed & furniture, all the extra Bed furniture that she has now
& calls her, also one large Chest marked M. H. C.

Section 5th. At my wife's death I give unto my Grand Daughter Marietta J. Davis
my man Sprattley, but if she should die without leaving a child, then the
man Sprattley is to return to my estate and be equally divided among my
children. I also leave her one Hundred Dollars upon the same time
as the man Sprattley.

Section 6th. At my wife's death, all the Slaves I have loaned to her if not other
wise disposed of, is to be divided equally between my Daughter Cosby & my
Daughter Yarvis J. Davis. If there should be any money due me after
paying my debts I leave it to be divided between Merit, my Daughter Cosby & my
Daughter Yarvis.

Section 7th. At my wife's death, all the property not otherwise disposed of
I leave to be sold out of which together with any money due paying my debts & my
and the surplus of any, be divided between my son Merit, my son Merit
& my Daughter Cosby, my Daughter Yarvis, but if the man Sprattley dies
I give to my Grand Daughter should die before she should get possession of
him then there is to be four Hundred \$ to be raised by Merit, Merit
Cosby & Yarvis, which four Hundred Dollars I give my Grand Daughter Merit
on the same terms & conditions as I provided for her in the 5th section
of this my will respecting the man Sprattley.

I do hereby constitute & appoint my two sons Merit & Merit my Exors.
This is the only last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have