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REBECCA DAVIS

ESTATE

1856

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

No ~~138.47~~ 23,

Rebecca Davis'
Estate

Letter Issued 13 May 1856

Nathan Merdith Exr.

John Jones 14.80
I. Kitter 7.50
P. A. Kennedy P. 1.00
28.30

Exp^d Page 54
Disposed of January
James Clerk 19.00
Jan 196 (7.50) 250
Bond \$2000.00

543.545
James Kersey Security
21, 39, 82, 135, 144, 180, 226,
51, 273, 316, 330, 335, 344, 427
462, 506,

Know all Men, by these presents
that I Rebecca Davis of the
County of Hendricks and State
of Indiana, do Make and pub-
lish this My Last will and
Testament, as follows, to wit,
I will that first of All My just
debts and funeral Expenses be
fully satisfied out of whatever
may first come into the hands
of my Executor and Secondly
I will to My beloved Son David
H. Davis, all my goods and chattels
in and belonging to the Household
affairs, - also the Stock hogs belong-
ing to me on the farm, I then will
that my two daughters, Lavina
Martin and Porlena Hamrick
have all my wearing apparel left
at my death to share equally in
the same, and also I give and beque-
ath ^{my daughter,} to Lavina, and Porlena each

Five dollars in cash out of my said
Estate as their share of said
estate, I further will that the re-
-nant of my property out of doors
be equally divided amongst my
Three Sons to wit, Thomas W Davis
Joshua W Davis and David W
Davis, Equally as they may agree
upon the value thereof amongst
them selves, and I also will
and bequeath to my esteemed
friend Squire Faulkner Fifty
dollars out of my said Estate
and after that I will the re-
-nant of my entire Estate to
my three ^{and their heirs} Sons to wit, Thomas
W Davis Joshua W Davis and
David W Davis, equally to share
and share alike

And lastly I appoint Nominate
and appoint Nathan Merditt
Executor of this my last will
and Testament, hereby authorizing
and empowering him to adjust

and fully settle
occasion my
to the provisions
will - ~~that~~
I revoke all former
made - In test
have herunto set
this 11th day of
Rebecca

Signed and acknowledged
by the said Rebecca
as her last will
our presence, at
in her presence

cash out of my said
in share of said
that will that the sum
property out of Decors
divided amongst my
wit. Thomas H Davis
Davis and David H
as they may agree
in thing of amongst
and I also will
the to my esteemed
re Faulkner Fifty.
of my said Estate
that I will the sum
of entire Estate to
and their heirs Thomas
sons & wit. Thomas
Shua H Davis and
Davis, equally to share
alike

I appoint Nominate
wit. Nathan Meidette
that my last will
must, hereby authorizing
being him to adjust

and fully settle the Estate as
Occasion my require according
to the provisions Made in said
will - Hereby I do hereby
revoke all former wills by me
Made - In testimony where of, I
have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 11th day of March A D 1836
Rebecca^{her} Davis Seal
Mark

Signed and acknowledged
by the said Rebecca Davis
as her last will and testament in
our presence, and signed by us
in her presents -

John M Bray
Talitha Ann Bray

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set.

Before me John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County on this the 21st day of April 1856. personally appeared John W. Bray one of the subscribing Witnesses to the attached instrument of writing, who on being by me duly sworn upon his oath says, that he was present and saw Rebecca Davis subscribe said instrument and heard her declare the same to be her last Will and Testament; that he subscribed his name thereto as a witness at her request in her presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, Talitha Ann Bray, and that said Testatrix, at the time of executing said last Will, was competent to devise her property and was not under coercion or restraint from others.

John W. Bray
Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 21st March AD 1856.
John Irons Clerk.

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set.

I John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, hereby certify that the attached last Will of Rebecca Davis deceased, has been duly admitted to probate before me that said Will together with the proofs of John W. Bray the subscribing witness thereto ~~has~~ been duly recorded in Will Record No 2 of said County at page

Witness my name and the seal of
said Court at Danville this 21st April 1856.
John Irons Clerk.

Know all Men.
that I, Rebecca Davis
County of Hendricks
of Indiana, do
wish this my last
Testament, and give
I will that first
debt, and funeral
fully satisfied.
My girl come
of particular an
I will to my bel
W. Davis all my
in and belonging
affairs - also the
in to me on the far
that my two daugh
Martha and Porter
have all my wear
at my death, to be
the same and also
with my daughter,
with W. Davis, and

Will of
Rebecca Davis -

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set.

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Common Pleas of said County on this the 21st day
of April 1856. personally appeared John W. Bray
one of the subscribing Witnesses to the attached in-
strument of writing, who on being by me duly sworn
upon his oath says, that he was present and saw
Rebecca Davis subscribe said instrument and heard
her declare the same to be her last Will and Testament
; that he subscribed his name thereto as a witness at
her request in her presence and in the presence of
the other subscribing witness, Talitha Ann Bray, and
that said Testatrix, at the time of executing said
last Will, was competent to devise her property and
was not under coercion or restraint from others.

John W. Bray
Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 21st March A.D. 1856
John Irons Clerk.

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set.

I John Irons Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas

Rebecca Davis'
Estate.

Will

Recorded on Will Record
No 2 -

Filed in my Office.
21st April 1856
John Irons Clerk

Know all Men, That we, *Nathan Merdeth*
& *James Kersey*
are bound unto the State of Indiana in the penal sum of *Two Thousand*
dollars, for the payment of which we jointly and severally
bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators. Sealed and dated the
13 day of *May* 185*6*

The Condition of the above Obligation is, That if the above bound
Nathan Merdeth shall faithfully
discharge the duties of his trust as executor of the last will of
Rebecca Davis deceased, according to law, then the
above obligation is to be void, else to remain in full force.

Nathan Merdeth SEAL
James Kersey SEAL
SEAL

Approved by me, the *13* day of *May* 185*6*
John Snow
C. C. C. P. *Wendick* County.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Hendricks* County, ss.

I, *Nathan Merideth* swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my trust as executor of the last will of *Rebecca Davis* deceased, according to law, so help me God.

Nathan Merideth

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this *13* day of *May* 185*6*

John Irons Clerk
C. C. C. P. *Hendricks* C

STATE OF INDIANA, _____ County, ss.

I, _____ swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness _____ dollars, as I believe, so help me God

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the _____ day of _____ 185

C. C. P. _____ COUNTY.

STATE OF INDIANA, _____ County, ss.

I, _____ swear that I am worth over and above my indebtedness _____ dollars, as I believe, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the _____ day of _____ 185

C. C. C. P. _____ COUNTY.

To the Judge of the Common Pleas Court
of Hendricks County

The undersigned
Executor ~~The~~ estate of Rebecca
Davis ~~estate~~ would make this his
final Settlement Report
Said executor stands charged
hence making his last report
to said Court with ~~the~~ in
The sum of \$738,25
Said Executor Claims Credits
for the following amounts
him paid as per vouchers
herewith filed

No 1	Paid Cyrus Falkner	\$50,00 x
2	" O W Davis	
	" Thomas W Davis	
	" J M Davis	200,00 x
3	I H Kennedy	22,50 x
4	J L Miller	10,00 x
5	Fancher & Demoss	2,00 x
6	J S McCurdy	14,00 x
7	J M Davis	17,00 x
8	" " "	126,15 x
9	Daid W Davis	126,15 -
10	Thomas W Davis	122,15 x
11	John Snow	19,80 x
12	Levi Pitter	7,50.

13 ~~Executo~~ Charges for his services 12,00
Whole of Credits \$738,25-
which fully settles said estate
All of which contains a full
Statement of all the estate of the
decedent for which I am chargeable
with the credits to which I am
entitled Nathan Merideth

Seen to before me Sept 6th 1860
Levi Rutter clk

Rebecca Davis
Estate

Settlement Sheet

Filed in open court
January 28th 1861

Levi Potter clerk

An Inventory of the personal estate of Rebecca Davis, deceased, taken by Nathan Muideth Executor, and Appraised by David Demofs and Harbard Fanslar

No	Description of Property	Value of Property
1	One Bed and Bedding	\$ 15 00
2	One do do	12 00
3	One Bureau	5 00
4	One Stand table	1 50
5	One large rocking Chair	3 00
6	One lot of Chairs	1 25
7	One Bureau and Book Case	15 00
8	One Safe	5 00
9	One lot of Blankets	24 00
10	One lot Kitchen furniture	15 00
11	One pair of Bedsteads	2 00
12	One lot of Bed Clothes	25 00
13	One Bed and Bedding	9 00
14	One Buggy and harness	50 00
15	One grey horse	112 50
16	Three Sows and pigs	36 00
17	Four head of Hogs	24 00
Total amount		\$355 25

Signed by us 17th day of June AD 1856

David Demofs } Appraisers
Harbard Fanslar }

State of Indiana Hendricks County Set.

I Nathan Meredith Executor of the Estate of
Rebecca Davis deceased ^{swear that the within} is ~~first and last~~ ~~and~~
a true and complete Inventory of all the personal
property belonging to the estate of said decedent which
has come to my knowledge as I verily believe so help ^{God} me,

Nathan Meredith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 July 1856
John Cross Clerk.

An Inventory of the
Estate of
Rebecca Davis
- Deceased

Filed in my Office
23rd July 1856
John Cross Clerk

Inventory

Rebecca Davis' Estate

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } In the common pleas
Court November Term 1857
To the Honorable, the Judge of the Court of
Common please

The undersigned Executor of
the last will and testament of Rebecca
Davis late of Hendricks, deceased, would
respectfully report as follows..

The Inventory of the personal property
of the said deceased amounting in all
to the sum of Three hundred and ~~fifty~~ five
dollars and twenty five cents \$355.25

All of which property was left in the hands
of David W. Davis a Son of the said deceased
according to the directions of the will of the
said deceased

The decedent at the time of
the making her will the One half of the
undivided Interest of her Sons personal Estate
which she devised to pay the demands
against said Estate and otherwise, all of
which is respectfully submitted to your honour
and further asks a continuance of said
case

Nathan Menditt Exr

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 9 November 1857
John Irons Clerk.

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Rebecca Davis
Estate

Report of Executor

Filed in open court
Nov. 9. 1857

John Evans clerk

Davis

1836	To	L H Kennedy	Dr
February 20 th	To	Medical Visit	\$2 00
" "	"	Cathartic	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
" 21	"	Anodyne 31	25
" "	"	Cathartic	25
" "	"	Tonic gr 15	25
" 24	"	Anodyne 31	25
" 26	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Cathartic	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
" 27	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Tonic gr 20	50
" "	"	Cathartic pills	25
" 28	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Attenuatives	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
" 29	"	Blister plaster	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
March 1	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Cathartic	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
" 2	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Tonic gr 20	50
" "	"	Cathartic	25
" 3	"	Anodyne 31	25
" "	"	Brandy 34	25
" 4	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" 6	"	Medical Visit	2 00
" "	"	Attenuatives 5	25
" "	"	Anodyne 31	25
" "	"	Tonic gr 20	50
			<hr/> \$22 50

Billerica Ind May 3^d 1839
Received of Nathaniel Wendeth
~~Administrator~~ ^{Executor} of The estate of Rebecca Davis
deceased twenty two dollars and
fifty Cents in full of My Medical
bill against Said Estate
L. H. Kennedy

L. H. Kennedy
Oct against

Filed Jan 28th
1861
Geo. Butterick

Rec'd

THE STATE OF INDIANA,

To the Sheriff of *Hendricks* County--Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cite *Nathan Merideth*
Administrator
of the estate of *Rebecca Davis* late of said
county of *Hendricks*, deceased, if *he* may be found in your bailiwick
to be and appear before the Court of Common Pleas of said county, on *Monday*
the *15th* day of the next term of said Court, to be begun and held at the
Court House in *Danville*, on the *2nd* Monday in *November*, 1837
then and there to render to said Court account of *his* administration,
under oath; Showing, First, clearly and succinctly, the entire aggregate amount of such
estate, which came to *his* hands to be administered; Secondly, the amount paid out
by *him* on account of such trust, to whom and for what paid, and the aggregate
amount of such payments, and produce and file receipts for each of such payments;
Thirdly, that *he* show clearly the aggregate amount of such estate still remaining
unappropriated: and, Fourthly, that *he* make final settlement of said estate, or
show the legal cause why such settlement cannot be made. And of this *he* may
not fail at *his* peril: And have you then there this writ.

BY ORDER OF SAID COURT.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH, I, *John Cross* Clerk
of said Court, hereunto affix the seal thereof, and subscribe
my name, at *Danville*, this *25th*
day of *August* A. D., 1857.

John Cross
Clerk

C. C. Pleas.



I acknowledge service of the within
Sept. 2. 1837
Nathan Merdeth

Wm. H. Perry
Sept 10

Common Pleas Court
Nov. 7. 1837

Rebecca Davis Estate
v } Citation
Nathan Merdeth Admr.

Costs to be charged to
Estate.



Rec of Nathan Meredith exr of the
Estate of Rebecca Davis deceased
one hundred & twenty ^{six} ~~seven~~ dollars
and ~~eighty two~~ ^{fifty} cents as my distributive
share in estate Joshua M. Davis
June 3rd 1859

Rec of Nathan Meredith executor of
Estate of Rebecca Davis deceased one
hundred & Twenty Six dollars and
fifteen cents as my distributive
share in said estate
June 3rd 1839 David, W. Davis
By Joshua, M. Davis

Rec of Nathan Meredith executor
of Rebecca Davis deceased one hundred
& twenty six dollars and fifteen
cents as my distributive share
in said estate Thomas, W. Davis
June 3rd 1859 By Joshua, M. Davis

no 8

^{ms.}
Filed Jan 25th 1861
Levi Potter clk

no 9

Filed Jan 25th 1861
Levi Potter clerk

no 10

Filed Jan 29th 1861
Levi Potter clerk

July 1859

Received of Nathan
Merideth Executor of the estate of
Rebecca Davis, deceased, Two Dollars
in full of Our fee as appraisers of
the personal property of said estate

Harlow Fairbanks
David Demore

} Appraisers

Belville Dec 26/57

Received in full of all acts
against the estate of Rebecca Davis
deceased being for one coffin
price fourteen dollars by
the hand of D. W. Davis

James I. McCurdy

June 13th 1859

Received of Nathan Merideth
Executor of the Estate of Rebecca Davis Seven
ten dollars Money by me paid to Dr Furnace
for Medical attendance

Joshua M. Davis

Samuel H
Demopis

Receipt \$2,00

Filed Jan 28th
1861
Levi Ritterick

1000

Filed Jan 28th
1861
Levi Ritterick

1000

Filed Jan 28th
1861
Levi Ritterick

Rec'd of Nathan Merideth Exor of Rebecca Davis the sum
of 19 Dollars and 80 cents John Irons
Clerks fees - and seven Dollars and 50
Cents my fees in said Estate
Sept 6. 1860 Levi Ritter clk

August 27th 1860 Received of Nathan
Merideths Executor of the Estate of Rebecca
Davis deceased Two hundred dollars
as a portion of our distributive share
of said estate

J. W. Davis
Thos W Davis
Joshua M Davis

Rec of Nathan Merideths
~~Exor~~ of the estate of Rebecca
Davis deceased ten dollars
for fees due me for services as
attorney in said estate
May 16th 1839 J. A. Miller

Filed Jan 25th 1861
Levi Rutter clk

Davis's
Receipt for
\$200.00

Vro-2

Filed January
29th 1861
Levi Rutter clk

Vro-4

Filed Jan 29th 1861
Levi Rutter clk

July 1859

Received of Nathan
Merideth Executor of the estate of Rebecca
Davis deceased, Three hundred and fifty five
dollars and Twenty five cents in full
for the amount of personal property
as per Inventory on file in the Clerks
office in Danville,
D. W. Davis.

\$200. Three Pay

May 3rd 1859 Received of Nathan
Merideth Executor of the Estate of Rebecca
Davis Fifty Dollars as willed to me
by the Said Rebecca Davis
Squire Falkner

Filed Jan 28th
1861
Levi Ritter clk

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Filed Jan 28th 1861
Levi Ritter clerk

Rec of Nathan Merideth executor
of Rebecca Davis deceased Seven
hundred and Thirty eight dollars
& Twenty five Cents
May 16th 1859 Nathan Merideth

November 9th 1857 Received of Nathan Merideth
Executor of the Estate of Rebecca Davis Deceased
the sum of Three hundred and fifty five
dollars and twenty five cents in full of
the amount of the Inventory of the personal
Estate of the said Deceased on file in the
Clerks office at Danville La
D W Davis.

No 1

Filed January 28 1861
Levi Putten clerk

Filed in open court
Nov. 9. 1837
John Cross clerk

REBECCA DAVIS

ESTATE

1856

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA