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grand son viz: my son Edward Greenwood William and John Burghes Davis. My daughters Mary and Margaret Davis. My daughter Mary Blocker is to be paid by my Executors five shillings per ^{annum} and his sons receiving an equal share with my other children each of my children is to have their equal share paid to them when they come of age.

My Executors or the Court to appoint three more to value my estate and divide the same according to the value of the same provided that each of my children take their part as above they shall upon they received the same give bond and good security and pay money to my surviving wife Margaret Davis the sum of three pounds and eleven shillings per money or any other article she may want.

The same to pass as many provisions and goods did in the year 1755. My wife Mary Jane Daniel and Hannah be hired out to the best advantage their wages yearly after paying for schooling my sons as much as may be thought needful by my Executors Taxes and other necessary expenses to be paid the remainder with what other profits may be made out of my estate to be put out at interest for the use of the remainder of my children who may not have received their part of my estate.

My wife as long as she remains a widow to live on the plantation with the children that may not be of age, and to keep all the stock and so forth that may be left after and division and take as good care as possible for the good of the children that may have not got their part. But in case any of my children should not agree with their mother to live with them or choose Guardians and so forth they shall each of them so choosing Guardians or otherwise as well as my grandson Edward Davis Blocker give unto my wife Margaret Davis bond and

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security to pay her yearly the above sum seven pounds three shillings per ^{annum} in money provisions or other goods that she may want at the above value.

And I further leave my still and all assets and appurtenments belonging to the same above to my son William his share of my said estate and that after my decease I order that my negro pre shall be sold to the best advantage by my Executors and the money put out to interest.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint John Burghes Esq. Mr. Benj^m Stone and my son Edward Greenwood Davis when of age Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all other wills allowing and confirming this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above said.

acknowledged published
and declared
in presence of
William McKee
Joshua Blunden
Margaret McKee

Edward Davis (Seal)

In the name of God Amen
The 20th day of January in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
ninety four

James Davis of the State of North
Carolina Bladen County being sick
of body but of perfect sound mind and
thanks be to Almighty God for the same

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and considering the frailty of human nature and knowing that all flesh must yield unto death when soever and when it shall please God to call them I do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz:-

Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved grandson Thomas Davis son to my son Joshua Davis my share or part of the land of my brother Asaiah Davis when it is divided and my negro boy named Perso the use of which I bind to my son Joshua Davis till he is of age. I say give the above property to Thomas Davis to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Davis two hundred and thirty six acres of land on the northeast side of the north west branch of the Cape Fear river It being the plantation purchased of William Lucas together with the improvements there on and a negro boy named Jim to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved son Thomas Davis the plantation whereon I used to live It containing five hundred acres of land and a negro woman named Dotter to him and his heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Sarah Davis my negro girl named Hannah to her and her heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Ann Davis my negro girl named Betty to her and her heirs forever.

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Davis a negro girl named Jean to her and her heirs forever.

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my true and loving wife Susannah Davis all my moveable together with all my household furniture

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and my negro woman named Fena during her life or widowhood but in case of either her death or marriage the property to be equally divided among my children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Richard Pitzer of the State and County aforesaid together with my well beloved wife Susannah Davis my sole and whole executors of this my last Will and Testament by me made dissolving all former wills and confirming and ratifying this to be my true and last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date afore mentioned.

Signed sealed pronounced and acknowledged in the presence of us who in the presence of each other have attested the same William Riley witness James Russ witness

Turner ^{his} Davis Seal mark

In the name of God given I Benjamin Clark of the County of Beaufort North Carolina being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak in body yet of a sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and Testament and desire it may be received by all such.