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In the Name of God Amen I John Darns of the  
Parish of Saint Andrew & County of Brunswick being  
of a very advanced Age, but of Reasonable Health and  
sound Memory and calling to mind the Mortality of the  
Body, that it is appointed for all Men once to die I  
therefore Recommend my Soul to God who gave it nothing  
doubting but to receive the same again at the General  
Resurrection thro the Merits of my Blest Saviour &  
my body to be buried in a Christian and Decent Manner  
at the Discretion of my Executor Hereafter Mentioned.  
Inprimis I leave to my loving son John during the  
Term of his Natural Life Providing he will live upon  
the same or any Part thereof six hundred & seventy  
three Acres of Land being the same Tract whereon my  
son Matthias now lives. Item I give and bequeath unto

son Matthias now lives. Item I give and bequeath unto  
John Davis an Infant my Grandson, & Son of My son  
Matthias and to his Heirs and Assignes forever after

the Decese of My son John and During his Natural life  
if he does not use & occupy the same, the above mentioned

Tract of six Hundred & seventy three Acres of Land to be  
held by him my said Grandson in fee simple. Item

I give and bequeath to John Duke who Married my  
Daughter Bejoyed one Shilling Sterling. Item I give

and bequeath unto my said Daughter Bejoyed one  
Shilling Sterling. Item I leave all my Personal

Estate to my Beloved Wife Mary & the Use thereof  
during the Term of her Natural life, and after her

decease I give the same & the Increase to be equally divided  
between my sons Matthias & John or their Heirs & Assignes

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but and if my said Son John does not return to Virginia I  
give and bequeath my whole Personal Estate after  
the decease of my said Wife to my said Son Matthias  
Item I give after the decease of my said Wife Mary and  
before such division as I have here before mentioned  
my Negro Slave a Girl known by the Name of Winney  
unto Frances my Granddaughter and Daughter  
Lawful of my Son Matthias and to her Heirs and  
Assignes forever. Lastly I appoint and ordain my  
Son Matthias whole and sole Executor of this my last  
Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills be  
me made and conforming this and this only to be my  
last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> month

Thousand seven hundred and Forty eight.  
Signed Sealed & publicly declared  
by the above mentioned Testator John Davis to be his last Will & Testament before  
us.

Walter Campbell  
Robert Campbell  
Micajah Perrey

At a Court held for Brunswick  
County the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1751.

This Will was presented in Court and made oath  
to by Matthias Davis the Executor therein named and  
was proved by the Oaths of Robert Campbell & Micajah  
Perrey witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and  
certificate granted the said Executor for Obtaining a  
Probate thereof in due form he having with him  
Broughton James Steward Edward Goodrich and John  
Toby his securities entered into and acknowledged  
in the Court of the said County.

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according to Law and it was Ordered that John Davis  
eldest son of Henry at Law of the Testator should be  
summoned to appear at the next Court to be held  
for the said County and contest the Validity thereof  
if he should think fit.

Exam.

Teste

Lith. Sazewell, Cl. Cur.

John  
Lightfoot's  
Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Lightfoot of  
the County of Brunswick and Province of Saint Andrews  
being sick and weak and in my perfect senses and being  
sensible of the uncertain state of this mortal life do make  
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following. Imprimis. My soul I resign into the hands of  
Almighty God through the merits & mediation of our  
Saviour Jesus Christ. Item I give and bequeath unto my