

8. Davenport } In the name of God Amen This Tenth day of April in the year of
Will our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty one, I Jack Smith Davenport of the
County of Charlotte being low and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks
be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of Life, I do make and ordain this
my last Will and Testament and that in manner and form following. First I Recommend
my Soul to God who gave it me, and my Body to be Buried in a Christian like manner
at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned. now as touching such worldly Estate
as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I give and dispose in the following after my Just
Debts and Burial expences are paid. I then I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife
Lucy Davenport one negre Boy Named Will Also a Third part of the Land where I now
live Besides a proportionable part of all my personall Estate during her life and after
her decease to be equally divided among all my Children from My Will and desires that
the whole of my Estate be continued with my wife for the use of Bringing up and Educating of my
aforesaid Children in a proper manner Untill my Eldest Son Marries or Comes to the age of Twenty
one years and then to be divided among all my Children their heirs and Assigns forever. and if
either of my aforesaid Children should die before they come to the age of Twenty one years leaving
no Issue Lawfully begotten then such Childs part to be equally divided among the Rest of
my aforesaid Children their heirs and Assigns forever. I do hereby appoint my loving
Wife Lucy Davenport, Richard Davenport and John Burksdale Executors of this my
last Will and Testament and do hereby disannul and disallow all and every other former Will

either of my African children should die before they come to the age of Twenty one year leaving
no True Lawfully begotten then such Childs part to be Equally divided among the Rest of
my African Children their heirs and assigns forever. I do hereby appoint my loving
Wife Lucy Davenport, Richard Davenport and John Burksdale Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament and do hereby disannul and disallow all and every other former Will
Ordaining this and no other as my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year first above Written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of } Jack Smith Davenport. L. S.
John Pettus, John Nagland, Evan Nagland, Phillip King.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 4th day of June 1781
The within Written Last Will and Testament of Jack Smith Davenport was presented in
Court by Richard Davenport one of the Executors therein Named, and the same was
proved by the Oaths of John Pettus and Phillip King two of the Witnesses hereto Subscr-
bed and ordered to be Recorded, and at an other Court held for the said County the second
day of July following, on the motion of Lucy Davenport the Executrix and Richard
Davenport the Executor therein Named, whomade oath according to Law, Certificate
is Granted them for Obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, they giving Security
Whereupon they together with William Harvey and Charles McKinnis their securities
entered into and Acknowledged their Bonds for that purpose. Teste. Thomas Read CR.