

Holt's
Will

In the name of god a man. David Holt of
chesterfield County being low and weak in body but of sound mind
and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and testament
in manner and form following that is to say.

Impowres My soul. I resign into the hands of gracious being from whom it
originated to be disposed of according to justice and Mercy, and
my body. I desire may be committed to the earth in such plain and
decent manner as my Executors herein after named shall think proper
Them do my desire that the whole of my estate both real and personal shall
be kept together under the direction of my loving wife Betty for the
support of herself and such of my daughters as are now unmarried
during her life and so long as they or any of them shall continue single
Them My desire is that if it should be impracticable to pay off My Just debts
out of the profits of my estate after supporting my wife and single

Daughters that Executor and Executrix have the names or such one of them as shall
qualify shall dispose of such part of my personal estate in such manner as to them
shall seem best for the said purpose of paying my debts

Item I give and bequeath to my son in law Samuel Davis two Lots with their appurte-
nances lying in that part of Petersburg commonly called Reverse of Town and
known in the old or plan of the said Town by the Lots M. and
which Lots I delivered to the ^{said} Samuel Davis about the year of our Lord one thou-
sand Seven hundred and Twenty four but never executed a Deed to him for
the same to have and to hold the said two Lots with their appurtenances to
him the said Samuel Davis his heirs and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Hunter the sum of five shillings
current money

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Oswald the sum of five shillings

Item my will and desire is that at the death of my loving Wife the whole of my

estate both real and personal, not before specifically devised to equally
divided between my son ~~Thomas~~ ^{Thomas} Holt and ~~Umilia~~ ^{Umilia} Davis, then Parker, Mable
Holt, Polina Holt, Frances Holt and Jean Holt to have and to hold the same
to them and their heirs forever but be it known and it is my true intent and
meaning that all preferment made by me heretofore to my said son Thomas
and to my daughters Umilia Davis, then Parker and Polina Holt shall be
accounted for agreeable to the intrinsic value of such preferment at the time
the same was made and such preferment or the value or amount of the
same to be considered as so much and to be deducted out of each of their re-
spective proportions at the making of the said before-mentioned equal
division or distribution I also desire that the ^{value of the} two lots herein devised to Samuel
Davis and the value of a negro girl named Silena heretofore given him be
deducted out of my daughter Umilia Davis's proportion in the said distributi-
on as a preferment made to her and that the value of the said lots and

may be ascertained agreeable to their intrinsic value in the year
one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four. Lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint my loving Wife Elizabeth and my friend
Jerman Baker Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and
Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made and
declaring this to be my last Intent and desire. I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this ninth day of October Anno
Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six
Signed Sealed and delivered

In the presence of the . . .

James Hall (Seal)

Richd Gregory

John R Davis

Joseph Alexander