

# EDWARD DAVIS

In the Name of God amen. I Edward Davis of the Parish of [ ] and County of Dinwiddie and Colony of Virginia being sick & weak in body but of perfect strength of memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this Transsory Life and that all Flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call, do make ordain constitute and declare this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following.

First, I give and commit my Soul unto Almighty my Savior and Redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my soul with my Body at the general day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy and through the merits of Christ's death & passion possess and inherit the Kingdom prepared for his elect and Chosen and my Body to be decently buried at such place as shall please my exrs. hereafter named to appoint now for the setting of my Temporal estate and such goods and chattles as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me, I do ordain give and dispose of the same in manner and form as followeth

First I will that all the debts & dues I owe in right caution to any person be well & truly contented and paid out of my estate by my exrs. hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four beloved sons William Davis, Edward Davis, Joshua Davis & Charles Davis all and singular my Lands & Plantations with all and every of their rights members & appurtenances thereto belonging, lying and being in the Counties of Dinwiddie, Brunswick & Lunenburg to be equally divided between My four sd. sons by my exrs. hereafter named to them my four sons and their Heirs forever but and if either of sd. sons shall die before they come to full age of twenty one years



...of their body that then  
...divided between the

I given and bequeath all my negroes stocks of  
...the other my personal  
...between my loving wife Lucy  
...Edward Davis,  
...Susan Davis, Susan Davis,  
...Charles Davis, Eliza Davis,  
...my wife and my daughters  
...hereafter named.

I desire that my estate may not  
...my loving friends  
...William Davis & Peter Williams  
...last Will and Testament  
...formerly made given  
...set my  
...1757.

Edward Davis

Signed Sealed and published by the sd.  
Edward Davis as his last Will & Testament  
At a Court held for Dinwiddie  
County Va. 11th 1758  
This Will was proved by the oath  
of the witnesses thereto and  
William Davis and Peter Williams two of the executors  
therein named who made oath according to Law Certificate  
is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form  
whereupon they together with James Hardaway and David  
Williams their securities entered into and acknowledged  
their bond in the sum of two thousand £500 for their due  
& faithful performance of the sd. Will & liberty being  
reserved the other execs. herein named to join in the  
probate when they shall think fit And at a Court held for  
sd. County Va. 11th 1758 This Will was further provd.  
by sd. James another witness thereto.

Teste  
George Nicholas C.D.C.  
Copy Teste Gen. Nicholas Junr. for  
Thos. Ruffin C.D.C.