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I John Davis of the Upper parish in the Isle of Wight County being at this time Weak in Body
but of sound perfect reasoning mind and memory all praise be given to Almighty God therefore
and calling to Remembrance the frailty of humane Nature the Certainty of Death and
uncertainty of the time When He make Ordinance and Declaree this my Last Will and
testament In manner and forme following
First and principally I Comend my soul to God the father of spirits assuredly trusting through
the Merits and Sufferings of alone Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive full pardon and
Remission of all my Sins whatsoever this Mortall life shall cease and my body to
the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} & hereafter Minded
and for what Worldly Estate It hath pleased God to bestow upon me I will give bequeath
and dispose of as follows

Imp^t I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary for and during her Natural
life the land and plantation whereon I now live together with the appurtenances
therunto belonging according to the bounds hereafter mentioned that is to
say from Kings point along Goudsbroughs line unto a marked Hickory
tree being a Corner tree and from the said Corner tree southerly to Hickory
tree marked on the head of the Island Swamp from thence downe the said Swamp
unto pagon Creek and at the Decease of my said Wife

64 I give and bequeath all that my aforesaid Land and plantation together with
the appurtenances therunto belonging unto my Son Samuell and to the heirs
of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give and bequeath
the Land plantation and appurtenances unto my Son Thomas and to the
heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give
and bequeath the said Land and plantation to be Equally Divided
between my three Daughters and their heirs viz^t Sarah Elizabeth
and Prudence or the survivors of them and further it is my Will and desire
that my Son Samuell have liberty to build on any part of the said plantation
during the life of my Wife if he shall think the same convenient I also
give and bequeath unto my Son Samuell his Colled Cattle a Mare filly
Called this one Iron pot two Cows my peacocks Hens and Chickens

64 I give unto my Son John all that plantation with the appurtenances whereon
W^m Murray now dwells Bounded from pagon Creek up the Island Swamp to
marked Hickory on the head of the same and from the said Hickory along
my Son Samuels line with my Old pastures ditch near Goudsbroughs Corner
till I come downe the said ditch onto the Bluff side and no farther with
said Land and plantation I say I give and bequeath unto my said son
John and to the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such
heirs I give and bequeath the same unto my Son Thomas and the heirs
of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs to be Equally
divided between my three Daughters Sarah Elizabeth and Prudence and
their heirs or survivors of them I also give my said son John my silver
headed Cane and sword and Mare filly Called Bonny one Iron shill
one Iron Horse and two Cows

64 I give and bequeath all that my plantation whereon Thomas Robinson
formerly lived according to the bounds held by the said Robinsons except unto
my Son William and to the heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten and for
want of such heirs I give the same to my Son Thomas and the heirs
of his Body Lawfully begotten and for want of such heirs I give the
same to be Equally Divided between my three Daughters Sarah
Elizabeth and Prudence and their heirs or the survivors of them I also
give my son William my great Cane a Mare Called flower one Iron
pot and two Cows

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Item - I give and bequeath all the Residue and Remaind^r of my Land in the West
being a small piece of Woodland lying between my Son John and William I give
I give and bequeath the same unto my Sons Samuel and William and to their
heires Lawfully begotten for the sole Benefit of each their Plantations to
be by them Equally used for Fencing and firewood for ever.

Item - I give and bequeath all that my plantation bought of Edward Grantham
lying on the Cypress Swamp in upper part of Tarry County unto my son
Thomas and his heires for ever unless give my said son Thomas a Cow-
horn - Called his two Cows one feather Redd and Bonestor and three Doves

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of W^m Murray -
in full of her part one heifer of two years old

Signed sealed published and Declared
in presence of
Attest ~~Richard Webb~~ Thomas Webb
the master of
Mary M. Maccord

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Prudence the best Feather and
and Cow foot to shall be in the house at my decess

Item - I give the Use of my Negro Called Frank to my Wife for her life and to my
son Thomas

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth the Daughter of
W^m Murray two Deuter Dishes

Item - All the Residue and Remainder of my Estate of what Nature or quality
soever I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Mary and my three
Daughters viz Sarah Elizabeth and Prudence to be by them Equally
Divided according unto the kind thereof Earnestly Requesting my Loving
Brother William Green and my friend Nathl Reddy and James Day to see
that same Equally Divided at my decess and it is my Will and desire that
each Child part be Divided and shall Remaine to my Wife untill the Age of
Eighteen be Married and I do hereby Nominate and appoint my Loving
Wife Mary my sole Ex^r of this my Last Will and testament in Affirmation
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 31st of Decemb^r 1713

Signed sealed published and
Declared in the presence of
Attest ~~Richard Webb~~ Thomas Webb
the master of
Mary M. Maccord

John Davis (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Wigh
the 2nd Day of June 1714

The Last Will and testament of John Davis was presented
in Court by Mary Davis his Wife and 2^d & 4th attornies
bath thereto and being proved in Court by the Oaths
of Nathl Reddy and Thomas Webb two of the Witnesses
whereof it is admitted to Record

Test H. Lightfoot C^{lerk}