

In the name of God Amen I Edward Davis of the Southern  
Branch of the River County of Norfolk Virginia being weak of Body  
but of sound & perfect Sense & Memory Thanke be given to God therefore  
calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that its appointed  
for all Men to die do make & ordain constitute & appoint this to be my  
last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say first  
& principally I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty  
God my Creator hoping to be saved by the atone Merits & Intercession of  
Jesus Christ my blessed Lord & Saviour & my Body I commend to the  
Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion  
of my Executors hereafter named not doubting but at the general  
Resurrection I shall revive the same again by the Almighty Power  
of God & as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon  
me I do give & dispose of in the following Manner Viz  
I give & bequeath to my eldest son Edward Davis my best suite of Cloaths  
my Woods Gun & farn  
I give & bequeath to my son John Davis my new pattern of Land at the  
lower end of my great field

I give & bequeath to my son John Davis my new pattern of Land at the  
lower end of my great Pasture being sixty two acres to him & his heirs for  
ever and I also give my son John Davis privilege of all my Pasture  
land during his life & after his death his Wifes Widow-hood.

Item I give & bequeath to my son Richard Davis a certain parcel of Land joining  
on my old pattern, beginning at the Chickopen Branch & running down to the  
Horse pool & from thence across the Mouth of Goose point, to the next branch  
being bounded on the back according to the former courses as it was former-  
ly marked out being fifty acres more or less to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Davis my best Bed & all the  
Furniture belonging to it & my great Chest & my mallets, Iron pott & my Mare  
& her Increase & likewise Liberty in the Pasture for her stock to run in and  
Liberty of what ground she can find & Liberty of my dwelling House and  
Liberty of fire Wood and fencing for the plantations are not to be mole-  
sted during her single life.

Item I give to my son in law Benj: Hodges the great Iron pott that was his  
Peathers.

Item I give to my Daughter in Law Mary Williams one warm.

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Horsepool & from thence across the mouth of Goose point, to the next branch  
being bounded on the front according to the former courses as it was form-  
erly marked out, being fifty acres more or less to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Davis my best Bed & all the  
Furniture belonging to it & my great Chest & my smalls, Iron pott & my Mare  
& her Increase & likewise Liberty in the Pasture for her stock to run in and  
Liberty of what ground she can tend & Liberty of my dwelling House and  
Liberty of fire Wood and fencing for the plantations and not to be mole-  
sted during her single life.

Item I give to my son in law Benj: Hodges the great Iron pott that was his  
Peathers.

Item I give to my Daughter in Law Mary Williams one warming Pan.

Item I give to my Son John Davis & my Son Edward Davis my hand Mill, my  
Sons horse & the Mill up at his House.

And it is my Desire that my loving Wife Mary Davis be not molested

Of making use of any of the before mentioned Legacies during her  
natural Life and the remainder of my Estate after our Death to be  
divided amongst my Children and I appoint my Son John Davis and  
my Wife Mary my whole sole Executor & Executrix of this my last  
Will & Testament whereunto I have sett my Hand & Seal this  
seventeen day of July in the year of our Lord 1741.

David Ballentine

Edward Davis Seal

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Mary <sup>her</sup> X Ballentine  
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Norfolk County. The Court held the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1743.  
The last Will & Testament of Edward Davis was this day proved by all  
the Witnesses thereto & John Davis one of the Ex<sup>rs</sup> the other being an  
anient & there being no will of the said W. D. 11 11 11

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The last Will & Testament of Edward Davis was this day proved by all  
the Witnesses thereto & John Davis one of the Ex<sup>rs</sup> the other being  
absent & thereby incapable of attending & the Aids Law being  
present and consenting thereto Probate is granted the said John he  
having taken the Oath & given Bond according to Law

Edw. Jam. Brash C. C.

In the Name of God Amen  
John Huggitt of Norfolk County