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Joshua
Lewis
Will

In the Name of God Amen. April the 9th 1757

Joshua Lewis of Holloway Parish of Southampton County being
very weak & imperfect of body but of sound & perfect memory Praiseing God
for the same & calling to mind the uncertainty of Life do make this my
last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

First I Bequeath my soul to God that gave it & my Body to the Earth
to be Buried in such & tain manner as my Executors hereafter named
shall think fit as to my worldly Estate which the Lord hath mercifully
been pleased to bestow ~~on me~~ my Will is the same shall be bequeathed as
follows. that is to say.

First I do give & Bequeath to my Loving Wife the use of all my Goods &
Chattles & negroes during her Widowhood. & after her decease to be Equally
divided among my five Daughters viz Joanna Catherine & Sarah
Martha & Millic. On the part of my sons James Lewis & Edmund Lewis to
have a Cow & half a piece. my desire is that my Land may be sold at
Publick sale & the money arising from the sale of my Land to be Equally
divided among my five daughters & if any of them dies before they marry
then their part to be divided still among the best living Daughters.

When there part to be divided still among the best my Daughters.
I leave my loving Wife & son James Lewis my Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have set my Hand & seal
the day & Year first above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

Chas Travers.

1868
Joseph Holden

mark
Thomas Westbrook jun.

his
Joshua Lewis
mark

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 1st Day of September 1768.

This Will was presented in Court by Martha Lewis the
Executrix there in named proved by the Oaths of Charles Travers
Joseph Holden two of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded
And on the Motion of the said Executrix who made Oath according
to Law Certificate was granted Her for obtaining a probat therof
and for giving Security Whereupon &c

10-11-68

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