

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 11 days of April
1771 This will was presented in Court by Nicholas Magel and W^m
Hirby the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of John Edwards
and Joseph Overit two of the witnesses thereto and Order was be recorded
Agd on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according
to Law certificate was granted them for obtaining a probat thereof
In due form giving security and there upon *W. Wells*

Davis In the name of God Amen I Lewis Davis of Southampton
County being sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and
Memory thank be to God for it and calling unto mind the
Mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men
to die do make and assign this my last will and Testament

301 Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God and my body to the ground
to be buried in a Christian like Manner at the discretion of
My Executors and as touching such worldly Estate which has
Pleased God to bless me with in this life I give in the following
Manner and form.

I give to my loving Mother Elisabeth Davis and my Sister
in law Rachael Davis the use of all my Land in Southampton
County with the appurtenances also the use of my Negro
Frank and my still during their natural lives the survivors
of them to have the use of the hole during their life
I give after my loving Mother and Rachael Davis decease
unto Britain Barnes son of Nathan Barnes the Plantation
wherein I now dwell with three hundred and twenty acres
of land it being the land I had by the death of my Brother John
Davis devised to him and his heirs ever

anyone and I had by the death of my Brother John
Davis devised to him and heirs for ever

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I give unto Jacob Barnett Son of Jacob Barnett deceased after my
Mother and Rachael Davis deceased all my other Lands
in Southampton County with the Appurtenances to him
and his heirs for ever.

I give unto Benjamin Bryant Son of William Bryant
after my Mother and Rachael Davis deceased One Negro
Boy called to him and his heirs for ever.

I give unto Josiah Barnes son of Jacob Barnes after my
Living Mother and Rachael Davis deceased my still to him
and his heirs for ever.

My will and desire is that my plantation and Land in Nande-
mond County shall be sold by Auction to the highest bidder
and the money Arising by such Sale to be Equally divided
Between my Mother and Rachael Davis ^{and her heirs} for their own
Disposing.

I Give all the Remainder of my Estate after my debts paid

in Southampton County with the Appraisances to him
and his heirs for ever.

I give unto Benjamin Bryant Son of William Bryant
after my mothers and Rachael Davis decease One Negro
Boy called to him and his heirs for ever.

I give unto Josiah Barnes son of Jacob Barnes after my
Loving mothers and Rachael Davis decease my Mill to him
and his heirs for ever.

My will and desire is that my plantation and Land in Nanse-
mond County shall be sold by Executor to the highest bidder
and the money Arising by such Sale to be Equally divided
Between my Mother and Rachael Davis ^{and their own}
Disposing.

I Give all the Remainder of my Estate after my debts paid
Be it in any kind or Quality whatsoever to be Equally divided
Between my Mother and Rachael Davis to them and to

and to their own Disposing.

I have appointed Nicholas Magel my heir and sole Executor to this
my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 2nd day of March Anno Dom 1771

Signed sealed Published and

Declared in presence of

John Gillam

Wilton Everett

Joseph Gillam

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A Court held for the County of Southampton the 1st day of
April 1771. This will was presented in Court by Nicholas
Magel the Executor therein named and proved by the oaths
of John Gillam and Wilton Everett two of the witnesses thereto
and ended at 14 o'clock.

Declar'd in presence of
John Gilliam
Milton Everett
Joseph Gilliam

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James Dugan

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Mager the Executor therein named and proved by the oaths
of John Gilliam and Milton Everett two of the witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executor
who made oath according to law Certificate is granted him
for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving
Security whereupon &c.

R. H. Ellis