

April Court M D C C L X X i i

Thomas Davis  
will

In the Name of God Amen This fifteenth Day of June One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy One I Thomas Davis of the County of Sussex being of sound and perfect Memory thanks be to God for it however not knowing how soon my Change may come Do therefore Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following It is in the humblest manner Resign my soul to God who gave it me humbly imploring his divine Majesty by the Merits and Intercession of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive me into the Number of the blessed and for my mortal Body to be Buried in a Decent and Christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned And as for my Temporal Estate which God hath pleased to bless me with I Give and dispose of in form and manner following First I will that all my Just debts be honourably paid and my Funeral expences discharged &c.

Item I Give to my beloved wife Jane Davis the use of my plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and after her decease to my son Hyat Davis I also give to my wife Jane the Bed and Furniture whereon I now lay also my Horse called Sparrow Also my Riding Saddle and Bridle Also her Choice of my Iron Pots also Six ~~other~~ Calves also my New Gunn also Two of my likest Welch Barrows Also my Welch sow and Pigs also Two Ewes and Lambs also my Tying Pan also my Great Chest also my Round Table also my Little Trunk also one Weeding hoe and one Killing hoe also one Wheel and Cards the above moveables mentioned to my wife Jane I Give to my son Hyat Davis after her decease to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give to my son Charles Davis all my Weaving Cloaths and my old Gun Also five Pounds in Cash also all my Geese and what Feathers there is in the House that is not in the Bed to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Edward Davis the Bed and Furniture that is in his Possession also one Spotted sow and Pigs to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Spain One shilling to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Claiborne Spain Twenty shillings to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Wilbourn One shilling to her and her Heirs for ever

my will and desire is that all my Estate not heretofore mentioned shall be Advertised and sold at Publick Sale giving Twelve months Credit and the money arising therefrom to be Equally divided among such and such of my Children hereafter mentioned. Viz. my Thomas Davis Edward Davis Hardiman Davis Charles Davis Elizabeth Davis Lucy Davis Susannah Davis Jane Davis Tanny Davis to them and every of their Heirs for ever My will and desire is that Col<sup>d</sup> David Mason and my son Edward Davis be Executors of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year above Written

Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of - -

Joseph Dennis - -

James <sup>his</sup> Williams - -

William <sup>mark</sup> <sup>his</sup> Ashkins

mark

Thomas <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ Davis (Seal)

At a Court held for Sussex County the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1772

The last will and Testament of Thomas Davis deceased was presented into Court by - - and Edward Davis <sup>orator</sup> the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the same was proved by the Oaths of Joseph Dennis and James Williams the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded

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Teste A Claiborne C S C