

In the name of God Amen. I James Davant of South  
Carolina. Thence calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, and  
being now of sound mind memory and understanding, do make this my last will  
and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

My body I desire to be buried at the church on Hilton Head in a  
plain decent manner, my soul I recommend to God who gave it, trusting that  
through the merits of our savior to be accepted as a christian.

As to my worldly estate I dispose of the same in the following manner.  
I give devise and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Davant, my negroes  
Lifay, King and Penda, (commonly called Town Vandy) bought of M<sup>r</sup>  
Nunigate, and their issue during her natural life and thereafter to be divided  
equally between my children I also give to my said wife one chair horse  
which is now in Savannah.

I give devise and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Mary Kichlighter  
my negroes Sam, Hannah, Tony, Adam and Casy with their future issue  
to her and the heirs of her body and also I give to her the said Mary Kichlighter one  
part of a tract of Land on Hilton Head N<sup>o</sup> 22 twenty two - being that part  
of the said tract - lying to the west of the road leading through the Island to her  
and the heirs of her body forever.

I give devise and bequeath unto my dear daughter Elizabeth Ficklen, my negroes  
Frank, Ely, Dedam, Charles and Phillis with their future issue and also one  
tract of Land on Hilton Head N<sup>o</sup> 38. thirty eight to her and the heirs of her  
body forever.

I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Davant my negroes Ben, Venus, Smart  
and Jack, also six cows and calves, one feather bed - also one tract of Land on Hilton  
Head N<sup>o</sup> 39 thirty nine, to him and the heirs of his body forever.

I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Seddy Webb, my negroes, Mary, Nancy,  
Harris Bismah and child, five cows and calves, one feather bed, and also one  
tract of Land on Hilton Head N<sup>o</sup> 31 thirty one, to her and the heirs of her body  
forever.

I give devise and bequeath unto my son James Davant my negroes, Perry, Diamond  
Fortune and Ned, six cows and calves and one feather bed, my watch and eleven buttons  
also one tract of Land or part part thereof N<sup>o</sup> 22 twenty two being the part  
that lies east of the road leading through the Island and is the remainder

of the last of which King Nightingale hath a part. hereafter divided between it  
and the rest as a division line between them, to him and the heirs of his body  
forever.

in devise and bequest to my daughter Rebecca Davison, my nearest friend,  
Mary, both Peter and Castella, six cows and calves and a tract of land  
Union land N. 21. twenty one acres and the heirs of her body forever.  
As to the remainder of my stock household furniture I desire the same may be  
and the money equally divided between my children.

Lastly I nominate and appoint Samuel Fitch, John Davison and James  
and executors of this my last will and testament revoking all wills heretofore  
made by me, declaring, that and this only to be my last will and testament.  
I have to set my hand and seal at Savannah this thirteenth day of July  
in year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

Signed, sealed, published by the  
testator as and for his last will  
and testament in presence, who  
in the presence of the testator and  
of us below subscribed our names as  
witnesses thereto.

James Davison

Robert Bolton J. C. C.

John Bolton

Curtis Bolton

George J. Before the hand of the undersigned personally appeared John Robinson  
of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of  
James Davison deceased, who being duly sworn said that he was present  
and during the testator sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be  
and contain his last will and testament and that he was of sound  
mind at the time to the best of this deponent's belief and that Robert  
Bolton and Curtis Bolton together with the deponent submitted their  
names as witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said  
testator and each other.

James Robinson

John Bolton

J. J. Davison 1803