

In the Name of God Amen. I James Davis of the District of Marion Planter being in health of body and of Sound mind memory and understanding Praise be to God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First. I will that I shall be decently buried. And I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Davis the one half of my Stock and Household furniture to her own proper use forever It is also my will and desire that my wife Sarah Davis shall have her maintenance during her widowhood out of my estate. Furthly I Give & bequeath unto my Son Theodore Gourdine Davis the remaining half of my Stock & Household furniture & plantation tools of every description. Also It is my will & desire that he shall have the use and increase of the following negroes during his natural life and to the lawful issue of his body forever, viz Silvy Phillis Jinny Frank Nancy Patrick, John, Gabriel, Billy Abram, Fanny. Mary, Scotland, Bob & Jude. But Should my Son Theodore Gourdine Davis die leaving no issue of his Body Then it is my will that the above mentioned negroes Bob & Jude shall return to my wife Sarah Davis for her own proper use forever. And the remaining part which is Silvy, Phillis Jinny, Frank, Nancy, Patrick, John, Gabriel, Billy, Abraham, Fanny Mary and Scotland, with all the Increase the females may have to go to my Nephew John Davis's children to be divided among them Share and Share alike. I do nominate constitute and appoint my friends John Richardson John C Davis Thomas P Davis and my Nephew John Davis my Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all and every other will & wills at any time heretofore by me made. And do declare this to be my last will & testament Witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22^d day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen in the forty first year of American Independence. Signed Sealed, declared & published by the above named James Davis and by the request and in his presence we have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

James Davis (SEAL)

James James
John C Davis

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Thos. Harllee, Ordina^y
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