

WILL OF

BENJAMIN DAVIS

In the Name of GOD, amen. I Benjamin Davis of Clarendon County Sumter District planter being sick in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be unto God. and calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die.-----I do make and ordain this my last Will and testament that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God. that gave it, hoping it will not be rejected, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God.-----And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life.---I give Demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.---First it is my desire that all my just debts be first paid. I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Davis all the tract of Land where now I live, and in case the Child my Wife is now pregnant with should be a son it is my desire that he shall have all that tract of Land that I am entitled to, granted to John Frierson and myself when divided, and it is my desire that my Executors will see it done shortly after my death. I likewise give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Davis the half of that tract of Land I now own on Mount Hope Swamp, granted to James Nelson and myself, the other half to the Child should it be a son that my Wife is now pregnant with should it be a Daughter it is my desire the two first Tracts Mentioned to fall to my son Benjamin Davis, and the Mount hope tract sold by my Executors. and in case of the death of my son Benjamin Davis, or the death of the first Child that my wife is

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Lawful Issue before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years.

It is my Will and desire that the said two Negro fellows shall devolve back to my other surviving Children it is also my desire that there shall be kept for the support and maintainance of my beloved wife and Children Fifty Cows and Calves and the remainder sold by my Executors. I give and bequeath all my moveable and personall Estate of every kind and nature whatsoever after what I have already disposed of as aforesaid to be equally divided share and share alike between my beloved Wife Mary Davis and my Children Lehnora Davis, and Benjamin Davis and Ann Eliza Davis And the Child my Wife is now pregnant with it is also my desire that if either of my Children should die before they arrive at the age of twenty one nor have lawful Issue in that case their part of my Estate to be returned back to the remainder Surviving Children share and share alike, it is also my desire that all my F^k mares and young Creatures be soon after my decease sold by my Executors, it is my desire also that the whole of my Estate, except such part as I have already disposed and ordered sold to be kept together and to raise Crops the support of my Wife and Children until they arrive at the age of twenty one--at which Age they are to have their parts---it is Likewise my desire that my Wife with her part to remain on my Plantation during her Widowhood.-----And I do constitute make and appoint my beloved Wife my Executrix with my friend and relation John R Richardson, and my Brother James Davis, my Executors, recommending to their care the Education of my Children, out of my estate and I do hereby make void, disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other Will and testament by me at any time here-

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Benj Davis- (SEAL)

Signed Sealed and delivered in
Presence of-----
John Rowlett--
Nubor Davis---
Jane Muckhaney

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