

Philip Davis of Southampton County in Virginia being fully persuaded that Freedom is the Natural right of all mankind and that it is my duty to do unto others as I would desire to be done by in the like situation And having under my care six Negroes whom I have hitherto held as slaves of the following names and ages (vizt) Liza aged about twenty years, Isabell aged about eighteen years, Elck aged about twelve years, Peter aged about four years, Ben aged two years Lydia aged about one year; I hereby Emancipate and set free yet I believe it right for me to reserve the prerogative of acting as Guardian over them in their non age untill they arrive to lawful age and I do for myself my heirs Executors & Admors. relinquish all my right Title Interest and claim or pretension of Claim whatsoever either to their persons or to any estate they may acquire after they attain to the age ^{as} above which will be as follows Elck will be of age in May 1793. Peter will be of age in June 1801. Ben will be of age in April 1803. Lydia will be of age in April 1801. — Then to enjoy their full freedom without any interruption from me or any person claiming for by from or under me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four —

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of —

Philip Davis (21)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 10th Day of June 1784 This emancipation was acknowledged by Philip Davis party hereto Ordered to be Recorded —

Teste Saml Wells, C