

Edwin
Davis
Attorney
at
Law

I Edwin Davis of Southampton County having, under my Care a negro woman name a Melly aged about Twenty two years who I have heretofore held as a slave but being fully persuaded that Freedom is the natural right of all man-kind and that it is my Duty to do unto others as I would be done by in the like situation do for my self my heirs executors and assigns hereby emancipate and set free the above named Slave and hereby relinquish all my right title Interest and Claim what so ever as to her person or to any estate she may hereafter acquire without any interruption from more any person Claiming for by or under me and having also three others in these Manner to wit Timpy a Negro Girl Born December the 2nd 1702 Bitten a Boy Born the 21st Day of March 1701st Fanny a Girl Born the 10th of November 1701 they also to enjoy their full freedom as above saving to my self my heirs Executors administrators the Care and Direction of the said negro until they arrive the Boy to twenty one years and the girls to eighteen years In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of March one Thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

William Nye
Philip Davis

Edwin Davis Seal

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 5th day of October 1709 This Deed for the Emancipation of sundry Slaves therein named was proved by the Oaths of William Nye and Philip Davis Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded

Samuel

Philip
Davis
Attorney
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I Philip Davis of Southampton County in Virginia being fully persuaded that Freedom is the natural right of all man-kind and it is my Duty to do unto others as I would be done by in the like situation and having under my Care two Negroes Wifft Charles aged Forty One Years James aged Thirty two years I hereby emancipate and set free all and both of the above named Slaves and do for my self my heirs Executors and administrators Relinquish all my Right Title