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Joshua
Lewis
Will

In the Name of God Amen. April the 9th 1757
I Joshua Lewis of Nettleway parish of Southampton County being
very Weak & Imperfect of Body but of Sound & Perfect Memory Praising God
for the same. & calling to mind the uncertainty of Life do make this my
Last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

First I Bequeath my soul to God that gave it to my Body to the Earth
to be Buried in such & staine Manner as my 2 sons hereafter named
shall think fit as to my Worldly Estate which the Lord of his mercy has
been pleased to bestow on me. my Will is the same. shall be bestow'd as
follows. that is to say.

First I do give & Bequeath to my Loving Wife the use of all my Goods &
Chattels & negroes during her Widdowhood. & after her deceas to be Equally
divided among my five Daughters viz Joanna. Catherine. & Sarah
Martha. & Millicent. Only each of my sons James Lewis & Edmond Lewis. to
have a Cow & Calf apiece. my desire is that my Land may be sold at
publick sale. & the money arising from the sale of my Land to be Equally
divided among my five daughters & if any of them dies before they marry
then there part to be divided still among the rest my Daughters.

I leave my loving wife & son James Lewis my Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my Hand & seal
the day & year first above Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

Charles Travers.

Joseph Holden

Thomas Westbrook junr.

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Joshua Lewis
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In a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 11th Day of
September 1760.

This Will was presented in Court by Martha Lewis the
Executor therin named & proved by the oaths of Charles Travers &
Joseph Holden two of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded
And on the Motion of the said Executor who made oath according
to Law Certificate was granted Her for obtaining a probat thereof
in due form giving security Whereupon &c

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R. Kelly Jr.