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A Court held for the County of Southampton the 13th day of October 1791 This Will was presented in Court by John Calthrop one of the executors therein named proved by the oath of Petience Turner one of the witnesses therein named and then Court held for the said County of Southampton the 17th day of December 1791 This Will was proved by the oath of Thomas Turner one of the witnesses therein named and is ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the s^d. executor who made oath according to law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon

Thomas
Davis
Will

In the name of God amen I Thomas Davis of Southampton County in Virginia of Perfect mind and memory thank & be given unto God calling into mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, 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, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and for use

First I give and bequeath to Henry Davis Esq^r my well beloved Uncle two Negroes Gals in North Carolina in W^mampton County Hannah and Lettice providedly after my Death he bring each of the two said Gals Hannah and Lettice in Virginia give each of them nine months schooling and Manumit them at the age of Twenty one years of age Hannah was born July 1777 Lettice was born December 1781 and will be free in 1802 Hannah in 1798

2^dly after debts and just expences is paid if any thing remains I leave it to be equally divid^d between my two well beloved Brothers - Etheldredo Davis and James Davis

3^dly It is my will and desire that my uncle Henry Davis be my executor to this my last will and testament & if he should die I leave it in power to choose some other person to act in his stead

I desire that there be no appraisement with us, signed & sealed by the said Eth^d. Davis as this last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have shown names

To
 Joel Davis }
 Phillip Davis }
 Thomas Davis Seal