

Will, VA, Southampton, John Davis 1761

In the name of God, Amen.

I **JOHN DAVIS** of Southampton County being sick & weak in body but in perfect mind & memory, thanks be to God for it, & calling into mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for all to die, do make and ordain this my last will & testament.

Principally & first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me & my body to the ground to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give in the following manner & form.

ITEM I give to my loving sister **MARTHA DAVIS** my plantation whereon I now live & all the land I am now possessed with also my still & three sows & pigs & five B--- of Indian Corn to her & her heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my loving nephew **BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD** all my wearing cloathes to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM give all the remainder of my estate be it in any kind or quality whatsoever to be equally divided between my three sisters, viz: **MARY WHITEHEAD, JUDAH D., ALCE BRYANT** to them & their heirs.

I do hereby ratify this & no other to by my last will & testament and I do hereby appoint my trusty friend **NICHOLAS MAGET** my hole & sole executor to this my last will & testament.

Given under my hand & seal this 16th day of January Anno Domini 1761.

JOHN DAVIS {seal}

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced in presence of

JACOB BARNES

LEWIS DAVIS

EDWARD BARNES {his E mark}

RACHAEL DAVIS {her X mark}