

**Will, VA, Southampton, Martha Davis 1761**

In the name of God, Amen.

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

Principally & first 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 executor & as touching such worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give in the following manner and form.

ITEM I give to my loving sister **ALCE BRIANT** [ALSE] my plantation & all my land also one feather bed & furniture & one one D' & two sheets also four counter pins, one large looking glass, three cows & calves, one boxor & heaters, one spinning wheel and all the remainder of my estate be it in any kind or quality whatever that can be found to her & her heirs forever.

I do hereby appoint my trusty friend, **WILLIAM BRIANT**, my whole & sole executor to this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January Anno Domini 1761.

**MARTHA DAVIS** {seal, her + mark}

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced in presence of

**NICHOLAS MAGET**  
**JOHN BARNES**  
**JACOB BARNES**