In the name of God Amen I James Davis of the province of North Carolina Johnston County Being in Good Health of Body & of a Sound mind and memory Praise Be Given to almity [almighty] God Do make and order this my Last Will and Testament In maner [manner] and form following that is to Say first and formist [foremost] I Commit my Sole [Soul] into the Hands of Allmighty God hopping [hoping] thought the merits of Death and the pasions [passions?] of my Lord and Savour [Savior] Jesus Christ to Move? full and full pardon and forgivings of all my Sins and my Body I Commit to the Earth to Be Disently [Decently] Buried at the Disgression [Discretion] of my Exetors [Executors] here forenamed and what worly [worldly] Goods and Estate it Hath pleased almity [almighty] God to Restore upon me I Give and Dissast [disburse?] as following. First I will that all Debts and fienal [formal? Final?] Charges paid and Discharged.

Item. I Lend my Beloved wife Aley Davis the House where I now Live and the aple [apple] orchard and all the Lower land? Of the plantation During Her natural Life and all my stock of Cattle and Hogs and Sheep and all the plantation tools and Household furniture. Likewise one mare By the name of pigin [Pigeon?] and one horse By the name of Daiman.

Item. I Give my Daughter Marah Edwards Five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I give my Son in Law Edgar? Howell five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I Give my Daughter Darccis? Oliver Five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I Give my Daughter Doley Deanes? five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I Give my Son James Davis Five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I Give my Son Henry Davis Five Shillings Starling [sterling].

Item. I give my Son William Davis the uper [upper] End of the plantation from the House upward and Likewise and House By the Name of Ladct? and all my Shop tools and After the Death of my Beloved wife all my Lands to Belong to my Son William Davis.

Item. I Give my Daughter Delaney Davis one feather Bead [Bed] and furniture to Be Delivered at my Death.

Item. I Leave that After the Death of my Beloved wife that all the stocks of Cattle and Hogs and Sheep and House Hold furniture and working tools Be Eaualey [Equally] Divided Between my Son William Davis and my Daughter Delaney Davis.

I Doe [do] Here Constitute and apoint [appoint] my Son William Davis and my Brother in Law James Handley my Hole [Whole] and Sole Exetors [Executors] of this my Last will and testament whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth Day of August in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine signed sealed in the presents [presence] of us.

James (his mark) Davis (Seal)

Robert? (his mark) Johnton [Johnston]

Benetes (hur [her] mark) Lofton

Meed (his mark) Gielley

Wm Davis Exor only 2 p?

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