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Halifax County January Court 1765

This was in open Court duly proved to be the last & Testament of Thomas Davis deceased by the Oaths of Samuel Davis and Abraham Green two of the subscribing Witnesses present, and Lewis Davis was duly qualified as an Executor in the same Order &c. Test

Lewis Davis

Will proved April Court 1765 as follows

October fifteenth 1764 This being my last will and Testament in the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Mathis being in perfect sense and Memory and knowing of no law appointed and for all men come to die I Give my soul to god who gives it me and my body to the earth to the Honour to the discretion of Executors and my worldly Estate as followeth Item to my Daughter Chancer Nelson an hundred shillings of good Lawfull money was proposed with before them to my son Charles Mathis I Give five shillings beside what he already has had of me Item to my daughter Sarah Milly five shillings beside what she has had of me Item to my son James Mathis I Give my Negro fellows with them to my Daughter Milly I Give ten shillings beside what she already has had them to my son James Mathis I Give one hundred and twenty pounds or the value of Land lying over the next being part of the old survey and the ten acre part of the Land I Give to my son Thomas Mathis Item to my son Benjamin

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Mathis being one hundred and fifty Acres more
 or less than to my loving wife I give the Negroes
 Jack Rachal and Hannah during her life &
 after her decease the Negroes fellows Jack shall return
 to my son Isaac and Rachal to my son Thomas
 likewise and Hannah to my son Benjamin
 likewise also to my son Isaac I give Hannah and
 Daniel after my wifes decease also to my son
 Benjamin I give Nell and David after my wifes
 decease them to my son Isaac I give my Mill
 Oberae Thomas and Benjamin I give an equal part
 with my son Isaac till they come of age them to my
 son Thomas I give my Negroe Peter as soon as he
 comes of age and Peter to my son Benjamin as
 soon as he comes of age and to my son James
 I give one Bed and furniture and to my son Isaac
 I give my still and him I leave to pay all my
 worldly debts them to my son Isaac I give one
 Bed and furniture and to my son Thomas
 another Bed and furniture and to my son Benja-
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 wifes decease I leave every thing that is not already
 given I give to my three youngest sons Isaac Thomas
 and Benjamin to be equally divided amongst them
 my son Charles and my son Isaac I desire
 my Executors that ^{his} Mathis Test William
^{mark}
 Mathis Isaac Mathis Thomas Mathis

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 Halifax County April Court 1765. ^{James} ^{Wills}
 exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of
 Thomas Mathis a Witness thereto who on his Oath did
 say that he saw the Testator Thomas Mathis seal publish
 and declare the same to be his last will and

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Testament and that at the same time he saw William
Pullen and Isaac Mathis the other two subscribing
witnesses been the same as Witnesses thereto whereas
Isaac Mathis one of the said Witnesses named said
into Court and was duly qualified by taking of the
Oath by Law Directed whereupon he did be desired
Test Joseph Mangost &c

In the Name of God Amen 26th day of Aug
in y^e Year of our Lord God 1765. I Jennings Shackney of y^e
County of Halifax county in y^e Province of North Carolina
a planter being in good health and of perfect mind and
memory thank be given unto God for the same and
falling to mind y^e Mortality of my Body and knowing
that I am appointed for all men or so to die do make and
declare by my last Will and Testament that is to
say Principally and first of all I give and becomend
my soul into y^e hands of God that gave it me and
for my Body I becomend to the earth to be buried in
a Christianlike Manner at y^e discretion of my
Executors nothing doubting but at y^e General Resur-
rection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty
Power of God and as Touching such worldly Estate
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I give and devise and dispose of y^e same in y^e
Following Manner and Form Impaired & give
to my beloved son William Shackney all and singular my
Lands Mesuages and Tenements also other Negroes
known by the names as followeth
w^{ch} Yeast Cato Andrew Lucy and Jude
and all my stock of Cattle Hogg &c. also all my house
hold furniture and after all just debts discharge
all and singular y^e whole of my Estate what so euer

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