

In the name of God Amen - I Joseph John Williams of the County of Halifax
and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and Memory
but knowing it is appointed for all Men ~~men~~ to die do make constitute and
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following -
First - I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to
be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor, and as for
the worldly Estate the Lord hath blessed me with I give and dispose of in the
following manner V^z - I give ^{& bequeath} to my beloved Daughter Martha Thorne
all the Negroes and other property I have papered her with, also the Tract of
Land whereon she now lives bounded as follows, beginning at a white Oak in
Butterwood Swamp, running South fifty five Degrees West, three hundred and
Twenty Poles to a white Oak at or near the Whistleberry pond Col^d Joseph John
Alston corner, thence North thirty five Degrees West, three hundred and Twenty
Poles to a Red Oak his other corner and course continued Eighty Poles to three
black Suckles, thence North thirty Degrees East one hundred Poles to two Hickories
thence to the head of the second Branch above the Mill, and as the Branch
forks it is the lower ~~branch~~ Trong of the said branch at a Maple and Oak
in the head thereof and thence down the said Branch as it meanders to the
Butterwood Swamp, thence down said Swamp to the beginning containing
eight hundred and fifty Acres, more or less to her and her Heirs for ever -
Item - I give and devise to such of the Children of my Deceased Daughter
Elizabeth Alston as may be living at my Death, all the Negroes that I have
envelope papered her with, and all the property that I have before given
her, to them their Heirs and assigns for ever -

devote I possessed her with, and all the property that I have before given
her, to them their Heirs and assigns for ever.

I then give and bequeath^{unt} to the children of my beloved son Joseph
John Williams, to wit, Joseph John Williams, Henry & Elizabeth Williams
to be equally divided among them, all the lands I had possessed her
with, lying on both sides of Little Fishing Creek and bounded as follows,
beginning at the mouth of a Branch on the West side of the Creek about
two or three hundred yards below where the old Mill stood on the said Creek
thence up the said Branch as it meanders about six hundred yards to
a Mark in said Branch, thence a Westwardly course about one hundred
and fifty yards by a line of marked trees to a black Oak near the path
that leads from my house to his, thence South twenty Nine Degrees West
by a line of marked trees to Moltons Creek thence up the meandering said
Creek to the Mouth of a branch near the County line, thence up the said
branch as it meanders to the head, and course continued to Brinkleys Road
thence down the Road to my line and running so as to include all my
lands lying between of said branch, Brinkleys Road, Moltons and Fishing
Creeks, and all those of my lands below the Piney branch, on the East side
of Fishing Creek - I also give unto the said Children all the Negroes and
other Property I formerly possessed their Father with, also all that part
of my Land lying in Warren County that lies between Shocco Creek and the
Reedy Branch adjoining the Lands of Henry G. Williams and Benjamin
Ferry, to them and their Heirs for ever, with this reserve, that if either

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of the said children should die before they come of lawful age or married, then that his or her part shall belong to the survivor, and if both of them should die before they arrive to lawful age or be married, then my will is that the whole of the property hereby devised to them shall revert to all my surviving children, and the children of such of them as may be dead.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Rosannah Faneuse all the Lands which I possessed her with in Halifax County on the Beaverdam or Mill Swamp, and on both sides of the Needy branch containing One Thousand Acres more or less, with all the Negroes and other property heretofore given her also one Negro Man named Jeffery, one Negro Woman named Chaney and her Daughter Esther and their increase, with two hundred Dollars, to be raised out of my Estate to her and her Heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Winifred Harris one Tract of Land bounded as follows, beginning at the black Oaks Doct^r Thomas corner, thence his line North, thirty five Degrees West. two hundred and forty Poles to three black Oaks, to his (Thomas) corner thence Northwesterly course to a dividing fence between my son William and her, thence along said line to a hedge row and continuing the course to a prong of the Lick Branch thence down the said branch to an old line called Moselys, where it crosses the said branch, thence along that line North fifty five Degrees East to a Beckory, formerly called Persons corner, thence along a line called Persons and joining Sherrod Bobbets to Moselys proper line thence along Moselys line, North fifty Degrees East to his corner thence his other line South, thirty five Degrees

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East, three hundred and twenty poles to a gum standing at the mouth of a
branch where it enters into the butterwood swamp, thence down the meanders of
said Swamp to Doctor Thomas corner on the said swamp at the mouth of a
branch, thence up the said branch Doctor Thomas line, and as the branch
forks (the lower prong is the line) to the head thereof where there is a Maple
and ash marked, thence along Thomas line Southwardly to two Hickories his
corner, thence his other line South thirty one Degrees west one hundred
poles to the beginning for eight or nine hundred acres. I also give up to
my said Daughter Warrifred Harveys four hundred Dollars to be raised
out of my Debts, with all the Negroes, Stock &c. she is now possessed of
to her and her heirs forever.

Then - I give and bequeath unto Catherine Heath two hundred and fifty
Dollars to be raised out of my Debts with me Feather Bed and Furniture -

Then - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Thorne, and the children of
my Daughter Elizabeth Alkan all my lands & tithes which I have in the State of
Georgia, and all the Moneys due me in that State to be equally divided between them
and their heirs, with one hundred Dollars to the said Martha and one hundred Dollars
to the said children to be raised out of my Debts in this State.

Thorne

Item - I give and bequeath ^{unto} to my beloved Son William five Feather Beds
Bedsteads and their furniture complete and desire that he may take choice of
all belonging to me, but should any Beds be given him by me before my
decease, then and in that case they are to be considered as part of the above
five, and accounted by him as such. The residue of my Beds and bed furniture
I desire may be equally divided between my three Daughters, Martha Thorne
Rosannah Faulcon and Linnifred Harris -

Item - I give and devise to my beloved Son William Williams the
Plantation wherein I now live with all the appurtenances thereto belonging
with all the lands adjoining the above named place, with all the Lands
that I have in Halifax and Warren Counties not before given away,
with all my land on Shocco Creek, not before given away lying between
Shocco Creek, the Maple Swamp and the Reddy Branch, with all the Negroes
stock &c which I formerly possessed him of, and all in my possession not
already given away, together with all and every articles of my Estate whether
real or personal not before given away. I give unto my Son William
Williams his Heirs and assigns forever -

Item - And whereas life is uncertain and should any of my Children
die before me, my will and desire is that the Children lawfully begotten
of their bodies should have an interest in the Estate given their Parents
as before mentioned - it is further my desire that each Son may live with
which of my Children he pleases and when and where he pleases, to stay, they
are accounted to be to him as much as to himself.

which of my Children he pleases and when and where he pleases, to stay. They
are requested to treat him well as long as he lives - It is further my desire
and I most earnestly recommend it to my Children individually to treat
their Negroes with as much lenity as their circumstances will possibly
admit of - Lastly - I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved
Son William Williams Executor to this my last will and Testament
revoking & disannulling all others by me heretofore made - In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fifteenth day of
February and the second Right hundred and sixteen -

Sealed, Signed & acknowledged
in presence of us -
Gideon Alston
Os Meach
Wm & Harrys

Jos Wm Williams Seal

Halifax County, Then this will was exhibited in open Court & duly proven
May 2nd 1818, by the oaths of Gideon Alston & Os Meach two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto
who say that the Testator was at the time of signing the same of sound mind
& disposing memory & an action ordered to be recorded - Whereupon William
Williams the Executor in said will named came in and was duly
qualified thereto -

Witness
Michael Giffes Esq