

I Will Will of that name being who created this will
in the year of our Lord and Saviors 1711 the name by the name
of the said deceased is William Adams of the Parish of Raleigh
and his wife Elizabeth and their body but of our said perfect
Wills and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make
me desire to be my last Will Testament First I humbly
Recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping thro
the Merits of my blessed Saviors to obtain a remission of my sins
I have been bound to the earth to be recently entered at the disposal
of my Executor And as to what worldly estate it hath, Please the
Thoughts of his Goodness to bestow on me in this life I give and
bequeath in Manner Following My Infirmities I desire that the
Land and Plantation whereon I now live together with the crops
that may be made thereon this Year as also my Stock or such
part thereof as my Executor may think fit to be sold by my Executors
in such manner as he may think proper in order to enable
him to Discharge my Just Debts and the Overplus of the money
arising by such sale if any be by him laid out in the Purchase

and I am the said my said Will's executor and I have
recommended my said executor to give it hoping thro
the Blessings of our blessed God to obtain a remission of my sins.
I am born & bound to this earth to be decently enterr'd at the discretion
of my Executor And as to what worldly estate it hath, I leave the
discretion of his Goodness to bestow on me in this life I give under
such in Manner Following Viz Infirmis I direct that the
Land and Plantations whereon I now live together with the crops
that may be made thereon this Year as also my Stock or such
part thereof as my Executor may think fit be sold by my said
in such manner as he may think proper in order to enable
him to Discharge my Just Debts and the Overplus of the money
arising by such sale if any be by him laid out in the Purchase
of such other Lands as he may think will be most advantageous
to himself and the rest of my Children. Item my will &
Desire is that my Slaves and other estate that may not be sold
be kept together on the Lands to be purchased as aforesaid -

untill my son William shall come to the age of twenty one Years
is enable him to school and maintain my Other Children and
when my son William shall come to age my desire is that the
Land ^{in l^o} purchased as aforesaid together with all my slaves and other
Estate be equally Divided among all my Children (But if my son
David should chuse to keep the Land it may not be sold upon his
Paying to each of my Other Children an equal proportion of the
Money first received in the purchase thereof and to hold to him and
his heirs for ever the slaves and other estate given to my Children
as aforesaid to hold to each of them and their heirs for ever Lastly I
Nameate constitute and appoint my son David (bearing whole)
and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all or any other Will or Wills by me heretofore in w^o or Writings
whereof I have had or my hand and affix'd my seal this seventeenth
day of January 1767

Sign'd sealed published and
Delivered by the said William
Attornee to his last Will &c

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William A. ...
1767

Proved by the said William
Utaine to be his last Will &
Testament in Presence of
Sampson Meredith
David ^{his} Lewis
March

William A. ...
1774

At a court held for Amelia County the 25th Day of June 1767
This Will was proved by the Oaths of Sampson Meredith & Ed
David Lewis Witnesses thereto. Sworn to by the Executor thereon
Named and Ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the
said Executor who entered into and acknowledged Bond with the
Security as the Law Directs Certificate was granted him for obtaining
a Probate in due form

Teste

H. Coakly D. C. C. C.
C. C. C.