

In The Name of God Amen The Third
Day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven-
ty Six I Joshua Wilkins of the County of Norfolk St
Brides Parish being Sick and weak of Body but of
perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to Almighty God
and calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this
Transitory Life and that all Flesh must yiel to Death
when it shall please God to call do make constitute ordain
and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following revoking and annulling by these Presents
all and every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills here-
before by me made and declared either by Word or Writing
and this ~~is~~ to be taken only for my last Will and Testament
and none other And now for the settling of my Temporal
Estate and such Goods and Chattels and debts as it ~~hath~~
hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do order give
and dispose the same in manner and form following

that is to say First I will that all those Debts, and dues that I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient Time after my decease by my Executors hereafter Named.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Wilkins the Plantation wherein I now live on containing one Hundred and Three Acres be the same more or less adjoining the Land that Capt. Samuel Hopper bought of Daniel M'pherson and running down to a Gum thence running down the Slash to the Carrow Bridge thence running to a Corner Diach the former Line between Caleb McCoy David Creechmur and self Likewise the Land that I bought David Creechmur likewise One half of my Juniper Swamp Land likewise One small Gum likewise one small Case and Bottles Likewise One half of my Right of them Negroes that is in my Mothers possession to him and his Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Willis Wilkins all the remainder

Land likewise one small Gun likewise one small Case
and Bottles likewise one half of my Right of them Ne-
-gros that is in my Mothers possession to him and his Heirs
Item I give and bequeath to my Son Willis Wilkins all the remainder
part of my Land not mentioned containing One Hundred and
Two Acres be the same more or less likewise the remainder
part of my Juniper Swamp likewise the other Half of the
wright of them Negroes that my Mother is possesst with
likewise one Gun and Case and Bottles and Five pounds
Cash to him & his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Lydia Wilkins
my Negroes Tom Bob Cnoch and Peggy during the Term of
Five years But if my Wife Lydia Wilkins should marry
within the Time mentioned then my Will and desire is that
my Executors shall take the Estate in their Possession
till my Children arrives to Age of Twenty one

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son John Wilkins Negro Tellors
Tom to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Joshua Wilkins Negro
Fellon called Bob to him and his Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my Two Daughters Tamer and
Lydia Wilkins my Negro Wench called Peggy and her
Increase to they and their Heirs But if the said Negro
Wench should have no children within Six Years my De-
-sir is that the s^d Negro Wench should be sold by my
Executors and the Money to be paid them at the age of Eigh-
-ten likewise I give to my Daughter Tamer

One Bed and furniture Likewise I give to my Daughter
Lydia Wilkins one Feather Bed and Furniture to they and
their Heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Lydia Wilkins
my Negro Boy called Cnoch and One Feather Bed and
Furniture one Blue Chest one large Trunk one oval Table
and one Horse called Jack

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Lydia Wilkins the
Use of all my Estate not mentioned within Doors and without
during her life or Widowhood and I appoint and Nominate
my well beloved Wife Lydia Wilkins and my Brother W^m

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their Heirs

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during her Life or Widowhood and I appoint and Nominate
my well beloved Wife Lydia Wilkins and my Brother William
Wilkins and my Friend Henry Wilson my sole and sole Execu-
tors of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof
I ~~have~~ hereunto set my Hand and Seal in presents of

John Whitehurst
Robert Etheridge

Joshua Wilkins & Son

David ^{his} ~~mark~~ Greenman

{ June 6th 1777 The above Will proved &c. as
by Order Book.