

Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament & this you may conclude as  
above)

Melney George W. Rollins junr.  
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Lewis Williams' Will  
In the name of God Amen

I Lewis Williams of the County  
of Ashe and State of North Carolina being  
very weak in body but of sound mind  
& memory thanks be given unto god for  
the same, calling to mind the mortality  
of my body knowing that it is appointed  
unto all men once to die, do make and  
ordain this my last Will & Testament  
This is to say principally and first of  
all I give and recommend my soul to the  
hand of God who gave, & my body I  
recommend to the earth to be buried in  
decent Christian decent burial at the  
direction of my friends & Executor nothing  
doubting but at the general resurrection  
I shall receive the same again, and as  
touching such worldly estate as it has  
pleased God to bless me with in this  
life, I give demise bequeath & dispose  
of in the following manner, In the first  
place I wish my debts to be paid, say  
ing this to be my last will and testament  
therefore do make null and void all  
other Wills & Testaments, and now do say  
after my debts is paid, I wish my Executor  
that is to say Henry P. Williams & Zebodue  
Wyatt to execute this my last Will, and  
first bearing my dear wife I wish

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her to have a placable home on the premises  
where she now lives, and all my grain  
& bacon and household estate, that is if  
they improve and dispose of it to their  
advantage, alone, and if not my executors  
to dispose of it as they shall think best  
and as much of my live stock as my executors  
says she and her children can and doth  
improve to their general comfort and advan-  
tage, and the balance that is to say all  
debts that is now due or in future will become  
due with the overplus of live stock that is  
not disposed with or of with my wife & children  
that is to say Wesley B. Lee P. Joan. Noah B. Martha  
it to be sold and disposed of to the best ad-  
vantage and kept by my executors on interest  
until they marry ~~or~~ come of age, and then to  
have an equal part, my sons to have as much  
as my daughters & my daughters to have as  
much as my sons, with this exception  
my saddle & saddle bags, to be my son  
Wesleys, and my son B. Lee to have ten dollars  
cash extra of the rest of my heirs and  
lastly do wish my executors to look  
to the comfort and welfare of my left  
behind family & that this my will be  
executed to their general welfare and  
happiness.

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my seal this  
30<sup>th</sup> of January A.D. 1849.

Test. James Williams junr Lewis Williams   
William Myatt junr

Supplement or codicet, I wish my executors to  
give my wife fifty dollars in cash or cash notes or  
notes on a good man or men. more than what is  
above named above as a legacy to her, witness  
my hand & seal January 30<sup>th</sup> 1849, Lewis Williams

James Williams  
Witness. Wm.  
McNamee