

No. 274

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen! I, Stephen Williams of the County of Brunswick County, and State of North Carolina do make & order this my last will and testament. First, I give & bequeath to my wife Polly Williams one negro man slave named Simon, and one negro girl slave named Rachel with her future increase, during her life; after the decease of my wife the said I give to my sons John & James Williams to be equally divided between them, share & share alike agreeable to their value; and I furthermore give to my wife the choice of two featherbeds with sufficient bed clothing for the same, one mare named Hy, one pair of oxen, the choice of three cows & calves, three sows & pigs, one ox cart, spinning Wheel & Loom, together with such part of my household & Kitchen furniture as she may choose, with ample & sufficient provision for herself, negroes & stock as may be necessary for one year, with Dower in my lands including my two house & out buildings attached to the same. Second. I give & bequeath to my son Zadock Williams, his heirs, one negro woman slave named Patty & her child, together with her future increase; Third. I give & bequeath to my son John Williams, his heirs, one negro man slave named Peter, and also my house & stock; Fourth. I give & bequeath to my son James Williams, & his heirs, one negro boy slave named Charles. Fifth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Leah Williams one negro girl slave named Charlotte, to her & her heirs body, and my daughter should die without issue, then & in that case, it may well & desire that the said slave shall go to my grandchild James Singleton Williams. Sixth. I desire my negro woman slave named Betty shall be sold to best advantage & the money arising from the sale to be equally divided between my grandchildren Stephen & John Mintry share & share alike. I desire the remainder of my household & Kitchen furniture together with the crop that is on the land bequeathed to my wife, shall be sold by my Executors hereinafter named and the proceeds from the same to be equally divided between my wife and children share & share alike. After one hundred dollars shall be deducted from the same, which said hundred dollars I hereby bequeath to my daughter Nancy Williams. Eighth. I give and bequeath to my son James Williams the my plantation on which I reside, after the death of his mother. I desire that my lands on the head of Jumping Run shall be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my children share & share alike. Lastly, I nominate & appoint my wife Polly Williams and my son James Williams, Executors & Guardians to this my last will & testament, as witnesses my hand & seal this 10th day of September, in the year four from the time of my signing and publishing. (Signed) Stephen Williams

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of W. H. Williams
State of N. Carolina. } Decr. Term, 1848 } B. L. Watson.
Brunswick County. } The due execution of this Will was proved
in open court by the oaths of W. H. Williams & B. L. Watson and
ordered to be recorded. Recorded in Book B. p. 49, 50 & 51.
Recorded agreeably to Act of General Assembly, N. C. Stat. Book, 1908.
Special Session, 1908 & Ratified February 1st 1908 & Copied from
Old Records Book B. (2). p. 49, 50, 51.

No. 253

State of N. Carolina, } August 24th 1839.
Brunswick County. } Know all men by these presents,
that I, John Jacob, being of sound & perfect mind & knowing
the uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will & Testament
For & in consideration of the love & affection I bear to my mother
Rachel Jacob & likewise as a compensation for her trouble
in taking care of me in consequence of my ill health, I give and
bequeath unto her during her life my woman Hannah & her issue
together with the interest I have in Joshua; and at her death to
my brother Philip Jacob. In witness whereof I hereunto affix my
hand and seal this Fifteenth of December, 1839. In the presence
of B. B. Rowell - this 24th day of Aug. 1843. John Jacob and
State of N. Carolina, } Sept. Term, 1843.
Brunswick County. } The due execution of this Will was
proved in open court by the oaths of ^{swearing to the}
handwriting of B. B. Rowell, the subscribing witness thereto
and ordered to be recorded - Recorded in Book B. p. 52.
Nathaniel Patten, Clerk.
Recorded agreeably to Act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session, 1908.
Ratified Feb. 1st 1908 - Copied from Old Records Book B. p. 52.

No. 215

State of North Carolina, }
Brunswick County. } Know all persons, that I, Daniel
said, being of sound mind & memory, but advanced in
years & of feeble health & believing my earthly residence
near its end, do make this my last Will & Testament in
maneu & form following, to wit; - In the first place I desire
that all my property of whatever kind remain together on the
plantation where I now live until my son Nathaniel
shall become of age for the joint benefit of my wife Sarah
and her children till that time that in the children now
born, viz. Oliver, Lydia, Mary and Charlotte, be about
my wife Sarah making again then that she shall be
the sole and benefit whatever from any part of my property
till she should become of age in the said place.