

April Term A.D. 1846

The Last Will and Testament of John Willis Deed

In the name of God amen I John Willis of the State of North Carolina and County of Buncombe being somewhat disordered in Body but noways disordered in mind but Reflecting on the uncertainty of human life and the various accidents to which it is exposed do make This my last will and Testament in manner following

Item 1st I commit my body to the Earth there to be decently Entombed at the Discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned and my Soul I deliver into the hand of my great Creator hoping for mercy in the Merits of Christ my Saviour

Item 2nd I will and bequeath unto my dearly and well beloved Wife Sarah all my Estate both real and Personal during his Natural lifetime or widowhood to be for the benefit of his Support and the Surplus if any to be divided between my four Youngest Sons. (Wife) William G. Mitchel A. Benj. F. and Lorenzo D on the Conditions that they Remain Remain and Cultivate the farm

Item 3rd I will and Desire that after the death of my wife or at the End of her widowhood that my Estate be sold and be Equally divided among all my children after first giving to my Youngest Son Lorenzo D fifty Dollars which I allow more than the rest. I Desire further that my four Younger sons that is now with me be allowed to hold whatever property they may acquire by their Labour on farm, and not to be sold for division and further than As a Debt that I am security for my son Saml Green Principle Eighteen or nineteen Dollars together with Interest for several years Back now if that Debt has to be paid out of my Estate I Desire that the amount to be discounted out of his share of the Estate

Item 4th I Desire and appoint my trusty friend Charles Moore to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 22nd day of August 1846

Signed Sealed and Delivered and
Acknowledged by the Said John Willis
To be his Last Will and Testament
In Presence of us

John^{his} Willis (Seal)
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Hugh Johnston Jurat
Ezra McCall Tate Jurat