

Robert Williamson Will

I Robert Williamson of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory & knowing the uncertainty of existence, do make and declare this to be my last will & Testament in manner and form following That is to say -

first - My Executors as hereafter named shall see that my body has a decent Christian burial and shall provide for the payments of all funeral expenses & charges - shall pay off all my just debts however or to whomsoever owing, with the first money which he shall receive from my Estate then, I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Williamson all my estates both real & personal consisting of Lands, Negroes, Horses, Cattle and other stock, farming implements, Smith tools, Carpenter's tools household and Kitchen furniture all my notes & accounts and every thing else which I may die possessed of to have & to hold to her & her heirs forever and I hereby empower her to dispose of any or all of this property by will or deed or in any other manner she may see proper after my death subject however to the following exceptions only, I give & bequeath to Elizabeth Brank my negro woman Matilda to have & to hold to her & her heirs forever from & after the death of my wife.

I desire that my negro man George at my wife's death if not disposed of during her life time shall be permitted to choose his own master.

I appoint my trusty friends John M. Brank & Marcus Erwin of the County of Buncombe my Executors to carry out & fulfill the objects & intentions of this will.

And I hereby revoke & declare null & void any other will or disposition of my property heretofore made conflicting with the provisions of this will utterly null & void.

Signed & sealed in
the presence of

J. W. Penland
James M. Lee

this 22nd day of March

A. D. 1857

his
Robert X Williamson ^{real}
mark ₂₂