

State of North Carolina Nov. 10th A D One Thousand
 Chatham County } Eight Hundred & Forty eight
 (1848)

Know all men by these presents that I Joshua Williams being
 of sound mind & blessed be God for it knowing the uncertainty
 of this life & the certainty of death do now
 make and ordain this my last will & Testament in the
 form following To wit

Item 1st My will is that all my just debts shall be paid
 (pay 4 dollars for my funeral services) -

Item 2nd I leave unto my beloved wife Silathia Williams all of
 my land where I now live with all its appurtenances during
 her natural life I also give unto my beloved wife Silathia
 Williams one third part of my negroes to have & to hold
 to act and dispose of them as she may think proper. Also
 I give unto my beloved wife one third part of all my household
 property to act and dispose of as she may think proper

Item 3rd I give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter Sarah
 Ann E. Williams all the residue of property both real
 and personal (not given to my wife) to have & to hold to her
 and her heirs forever - Nevertheless if my said daughter
 should die leaving no legal heir of her own body then
 in that case my will is that her estate both real & personal
 shall be divided into four parts one fourth part to my beloved
 sister Elizabeth Haskins & her heirs forever. One fourth part
 to my beloved brother Anderson Williams and his heirs
 forever. One fourth part to my other lawful heirs, One fourth
 part to Foreign Missions to be paid over to the Treasurer
 of that board to be appropriated to that purpose.

If there should be any property either real or personal
 not given away herebefore in this will it is then to be
 equally divided between all my legal heirs -

Item 4th I hereby nominate and appoint Joshua H.
 Haskins Guardian for my beloved daughter Sarah A. Williams

Item 5. I hereby nominate and appoint William Griffin
 & Turner Byrnes my Executors to this my last will
 & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal the day & date above written
 Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
 John A. Hawks Joshua Williams (Seal)
 Andrew Kirby

Chatham County, N.C. February Term 1849.
 This certifies that the foregoing last will & testament of
 Joshua Williams, died was ~~proven~~ ^{proved} in open court
 by the oath of John A. Hawks one of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto & deemed to be recorded when upon the
 business one of the Executors therein named appearing
 open court & was qualified - and Turner Dymon the
 other Executor therein named appeared in open court
 & renounced his right to qualify as such -
 Teste A. A. Stephens C. C. C.

In the name of God Amen - I Elijah Bell of the County
 of Chatham & State of North Carolina being in a low state of
 health but of sound mind & memory as usual I do hereby
 to God for my do make and ordain this paper writing
 to be my last will & testament in manner following -
 First that all my just debts be paid

2^d Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Bennett Laster
 a certain negro boy by the name Amor, to him & his heirs
 in fee simple forever -

3^d Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Jonathan Clark
 a certain negro girl by the name Fanny to him & his heirs
 in fee simple forever -

4th Item I give & bequeath to my sister Susannah Clark
 during her natural life a certain negro girl by the name of
 Loriga and after the death of my sister as aforesaid I dis-
 vest and request that said negro girl Loriga be sold free -

5th Item I give & bequeath to my nephew Joseph Bell
 son of Thomas Bell five certain negro boys namely Sidney
 Bartley Green Elijah & Gilbert to him & his heirs in fee simple
 forever -

6th Item I give and bequeath to my old friend Job Clark
 One Hundred dollars to him & his heirs forever -

7th Item I give & bequeath to my nephew Elijah Clark
 a certain negro girl by the name Eliza & her child Permin-
 ah to him & his heirs in fee simple forever -

8th Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Bell
 & sister Susannah Clark all my lands to be equally divided
 between them to them & their heirs in fee simple forever -

9th Item I give & bequeath to my brother Thomas Bell
 all the residue of my property both real & personal that
 I have not heretofore given away to him & his heirs in
 fee simple forever -

10th Item And lastly I do here nominate to constitute
 and appoint my Brother Thomas Bell my Executor