

at the same time. Sworn before me as witness
our hands this 3 day of October 1774.

John Tison J.P.
John Williams Esq.

In the name of God Amen. This thirteenth day of
May in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety six. I Luke Ward
of the County of Duplin and state of the Carolina
being sick of body but of perfect mind and
memory thanks be to god, and calling to mind
that it is appointed for all men to die.

I do make this my last will and testament in
manner following. First, I recommend my
soul to the hand of god who first gave it to
me. Secondly, my body to be decently buried
at the discretion of my Executors that will be
hereby hereafter named. Thirdly all my lawful
debts to be justly paid. Thus I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Bridget Ward during her
widowhood or natural life all my estate real
and personal. Thus I give and bequeath to my
son Luke Ward at his mothers death or intermarriage
all my Land or Right or Claim of Land to him
and his lawful Heirs from providing
he the said Luke Ward shall first unto his sister
Penny Ward a part of said dwelling house and
forty acrs. of cleared land during his being
unmarried and if he dies without a lawful
Heir then said land to be equally divided between
my two daughters Penny Ward and Elizabeth Pollard
and their lawful Heirs from. Thus I give and
bequeath to my daughter Penny Ward two young negroes
named Bob and Harwood. Thus I give and bequeath
to my daughter Elizabeth Pollard two other negroes
named Sam and Jack to her heirs and if she dies
without heirs then to Luke Ward and his heirs.
Thus I give and bequeath to my daughter Penny

Ward one bed and furniture one chest and case
then all the remaining part of my property
to be divided between my six children
share and share alike to them and their
heirs. Thus I constitute and appoint my
beloved wife Bridget Ward and my son Luke
Ward Executors of this my last will and
testament. Last I Publish and declare this
my last will and testament disannulling and
revoking all others wills or Legacies by me
made heretofore in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day and date above
written.

Signed and Published
in the presence of us
G. Woods
Jos Wright
Thos Wright

Luke Ward Esq. 3

State of the Carolina
Duplin County

July Term 1796.

There was the within will proved in open
Court in due form of Law by the oath of James
Wright and Thos Wright two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto. Read at the same
time. Bridget Ward and Luke Ward the Executors
named in the said will came before the Court
and qualified according to Law.

Ordered that letters issue accordingly.
Jas H^{on} Dickson. C.C

I Elizabeth Williams the State of the Carolina &
County of Duplin do make and ordain this my
last will and testament in manner and form
Following viz first I give to George & William and
Jackson the following negroes Gideon Sam and
Loney to be Equally divided between the above
mentioned George and Jackson. I also give my bed

to be sold. I also give my Bond to my sister
patience and the balance of my share of the
Estate I want my father to keep his lifetime
and then to dispose of it as he thinks proper.
I do also appoint my dear father guardian for
the above children and to take and keep all
the above property his possession this working
all other wills by me at any time heretofore
made in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal August 5th day of the month of
aug 1821 A.D. Signed sealed and published and
acknowledged by the said testator Elizabeth Williams
to be her last will and testament in the presence
of us who have subscribed our names thereto in
the presence of said testator.

Leah M. Higgins
William ^{the} Aggison

Elizabeth ^{the} Williams
mark

Duplin County.

October Term 1821.

Now was the last will of Elizabeth Williams
proved in open Court by each of the subscribing
witnesses. Offers and ordered to be recorded.
Ex. Jas. Parnell C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Willson Son of the
State of North Carolina and the county of Duplin
Coming to mind the Mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make and ordain this my last will and testament
that is to say first I constitute and appoint my beloved
wife Elizabeth Willson and David Wells of the State and
County aforesaid to be my Executors & this my last
will and testament and as touching my worldly
Estate I give and dispose of the same in the
manner and form following first I give and
bequeath all the Lands I possess to my
beloved wife Elizabeth Willson during her natural
life also the more that I possess at that time

Shall have of sheep all my stock of hogs and cattle
beads beads steeds and three furniture boxes held
and kitchen furniture with all my working
tools of every kind and my gun for the use
of the family. In this I will give my beloved
wife Elizabeth Willson and the other executors
David Wells full authority to sell or dispose
of every part of the above mentioned property to
pay my creditors support the family and school
the children as she or they may see proper & give
my son Daniel Willson to head of sheep Alexander
Willson two head of sheep and William Willson two
head of sheep and to my son Isaac Willson
Twenty five cunts and to my daughter Ann Brown
twenty five cunts to my son John Willson one dollar
Christine Blanton twenty five cunts and to Thomas Willson
Twenty five cunts. And after the raising my family &
the schooling of my children and the death of my
wife I will that my two sons David and
Marvin possess the lands now belonging to
me at the time above mentioned and
also win all the other property given to my
beloved wife to be divided amongst my daughters
Rebecca, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah at the above
mentioned time in witness whereof I do hereunto
set my hand and seal this 11th day of June 1829.
Signed and sealed
In the presence of us

Allen Gamman
James Brown
Alexander Willson
Rebecca Willson

John ^{the} Willson Seal

State of North Carolina, August Term 1829.
Duplin County.

Now was the within will proved in open Court by
the oath of James Willson & Alex Willson two of the subscribing
witnesses thereto.
Ex. Jas. Parnell C. C.