

last will and testament and I do hereby revoke
rescind and make void all former and other
wills or wills heretofore by me made qualifying and
confirming this and no other to be my last will
and testament. In witness whereof I have
written at my hand for my seal this 3rd day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and seventy seven.

Signed sealed and published, read and
pronounced by the testator as his last
will and testament.

In the presence of us notaries
before assigned.

Rice Blackman }
Leil Blackman }
Johnth + Hardth Jr. }

Johnth + Hardth Jr. Seal

State of N^o Carolina } October Court 1777
Duplices Correctly }

There was the within will of John
Hard Sr. proved according to law in open Court
by the oath of Rice Blackman &c.

Test W^m Dickson C. C.

In the Name of God Amen. I James Williams of
Duplin County and State of N^o Carolina being in
health and sound mind and memory and mindful
of my mortality and uncertainty of my death make
this my last will and testament in manner and
form as followeth. and principally I recommend my
soul into the hands of God that gave it me hoping
to receive the same again at the general Resurrection
and my Body I desire to be buried in Christian
like manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hereafter named I leave this fit and as to my
worldly goods and temporal Estate which God has
been pleased to bless me with I dispose of in the

following manner and form. Then to my well
beloved wife Emily Williams I bequeath and
leave during her life time or widowhood as
follows. My Late Dwelling House with a
hard pair of the manner plantation with
two head of my horses such as she may choose
at the time and four cows and calves with
five head of dry cattle four cows and pigs
and hogs enough to make her -
one feather bed and furniture and all my
other household furniture as it then stands with
all my plantation tools of every kind what-
ever all to be to her own use and benefit during
her lifetime or widowhood for her support and to
raise my children that remain with her at
my decease or marriage to be divided of as
will be after that. Then I give and bequeath unto
my Son James Williams one dollar besides what
he hath already had to him and his heirs lawfully
begotten forever. Then I give and bequeath unto
my Son Ezekiel Williams one dollar besides what
he has already had to him and his heirs lawfully begotten
forever. Then I give and bequeath unto my
son Bunwell Williams one horse saddle & stirr
and all the land that I now possess and
two cows and calves and one feather bed and bedstead
and furniture one new pot three pew plates &
half dozen of knives and forks to him and his
heirs lawfully begotten forever. Then I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Emily Williams one
dollar with what she has already had to her and
her heirs lawfully begotten forever. Then I give
and bequeath unto my daughter Emily Williams
one feather bed bedstead and furniture one new
pot three pew plates and half dozen of knives
and forks and one cow and calf to her and her
heirs lawfully begotten for ever. Then I give &
bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Williams

one cow and calf one iron pot three pewter plates.
half dozen knives and forks one feather bed bed
stead and furniture to which I have lawfully
bequeathed forever. Then I give and bequeath unto
my daughter Julia Williams one cow and calf
one iron pot three pewter plates half a dozen of
knives and forks a feather bed bedstead and
furniture to her and to her heirs lawfully bequeathed
forever. Then after my worldly debts and funeral
Expenses is paid Reseminding part of my estate that
is not already given one half of it is to my
son Burwell Williams and the other half to be
equally divided amongst the other children that
is living. Then at my wife death or marriage all of
the estate that is then remaining of such part and
articles that is lent to her is to be one half to
my son Burwell Williams and the other half is
to be equally divided amongst my other sons
children and if my son Burwell Williams dies
without issue his share is to be equally divided
between my other sons that is living equal share and
share alike and the sisters have no part thereof
and if any of my daughters die without heirs
lawfully bequeathed of their body then Legacies to be
divided among the living sisters and the brothers
have no share thereof. Lastly I nominate constitute
and appoint My beloved sons James Williams and my son
Ezekiel Williams executors to this my last will and
testament hereby Revoking all former wills by me
made Ratified and confirmed hereby to be my
last and testament in witness whereof I have
unto set my hand and seal this Twenty fifth
day of March 1797.

Signed Sealed & pronounced By the sd
James Williams as his last will & Testament
in the Presence of us.

Thos Shelton
John Maynard
Abner L. Gist

James Williams



State of N Carolina } July Term 1797.
Duplin County.

There was the within will proved
in due Court by the oath of Thomas Shelton
and John Maynard two of the subscribing
witnesses thereto read at the same time
James Williams and Ezekiel Williams the
Executors named in the said will came
before the Court and Qualified as Executors
according to law Adm'd that letters were
accordingly.

Test W. Dickson 66.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Williams
create in body out of sound mind and memory
do make and ordain this my last will and
testament in manner and form following
to wit I commend my soul to almighty God
who gave it and my body to be buried in a
decent Christian like manner. Then I lend
unto my beloved wife Polly my lands and
Plantation in and during her natural life
also all my house hold and kitchen furniture
four cows and calves regarding two sows and
pig four head of sheep also my black horse foal
and after the death of my beloved wife Polly
my will and desire is that my household and
kitchen furniture before named should be sold
and the profits arising therefrom should be equally
divided between Brier Williams and Polly Borden
to them and their heirs forever. Then I give and
bequeath unto my nephew Joseph Williams one
hundred acres of land being and lying on the
south West side of Limestone branch to him
and his heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath
unto Brier Williams the land and Plantation
whereon I now live lying on the North