

last will and testament and I do hereby revoke
severall 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
hereunto set my hand fast my seal this 3rd day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and seventy seven.

Signed sealed and published, before me,
sworn to by the testator as his last
will and Testament.

I N the presence of us,订阅
并见证。

Rice Blackman
Jas Blackman
John Ward Jr.

State of N^o Carolina
Duplin County
October Court 1777

There was the witness will of John
Ward Senr. proved according to law in open Court
by the oath of Rice Blackman &c.

Test H^m Richardson 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 unceasantly 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 shall then fit. and as to my
 worldly goods and temporal estate which god has
bene pleased to bless me with I dispose of in the

John Ward Jr. Seal
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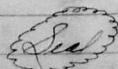
following manner and form. Item To my wife
beloved wife Ruth Williams I Bequeath and
Leave during her life time or widowhood as
follows. My Late Dwelling House with a
third part of the manor plantation with
two hds of my horses such as she may chose
at the time and four cows and calves with
five hds of dry cattle. Four cows and pigs
and hogs enough to make her -
our 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 in her own use and benefit during
her lifetime or widowhood for her support and to
raise my children that remaine with her at
her decease or marriage to be divided of so
will be after her. Item I give and Bequeath unto
my son James Williams our Deller besides what
he hath already had to him and his Lawfully
begotten fruon. Item I give and Bequeath unto
my son Ezekiel Williams our Deller besides what
he has already had to him and his Lawfully
begotten fruon. Item I give and
Bequeath unto my daughter Anna Williams our
Deller with what she has alway had to her and
her heirs Lawfully begotten fruon. Item I give and
Bequeath unto my daughter Ruth Williams our
Deller and besides our feather bed bedstead
and furniture our two pair plates and half dozen of knives
and forks and our cow and calf to her and her
heirs Lawfully begotten fruon. Item I give and
Bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Williams our

our cow and calf our iron pot three pinte plates
 half dozen knives and forks our feather bed bed
 lead and furniture to have their lawfully
 begotten son or. Then I give and bequeath unto
 my daughter Anna Williams one cow and calf
 our iron pot three pinte plates half a dozen of
 knives and forks a feather bed bedstead and
 furniture to her and her heirs lawfully begotten
 for ever. Then after my worldly goods and funeral
 expenses is paid Reasonable part of my estate that
 is not already given over half of it is to my
 son Burwell Williams and the other half is to
 equally divide 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 left 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 son that is living equal share and
 share else and the sisters have no part thereof
 and if any of my daughters die without heirs
 lawfully begotten of her body then likewise to be
 divided among the living sisters and the brothers
 have no share thereof. Lastly I nominate Constitute
 and appoint my beloved son 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 here 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
 Jas Williams as his last will & Testament
 in the presence of us.

Thos Shelton
 John Mayville
 Rebecca S. Holt

James Williams



State of North Carolina } July First 1797.
 Duplin County.

There was the within will proved
 in open Court by the oaths of Thomas Shelton
 and John Mayville two of the subscribers
 witnesses thereto and 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. And it is ordered that letters issue
 accordingly.

Test Wm Dickson 66.

In the name of God Amen. I James Williams
 weak in body but of sound mind and memory
 do make and ordain this my last will and
 testament in manner and form following
 to wit I command my soul to almighty God
 who gave it and my body to be buried in a
 decent Christian like manner. Then I bind
 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 or yearlings two cows and
 pigs four Head of sheep also my black horse former
 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 Bice Williams and Sally Berlin
 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 Bice Williams the lands and plantation
 wherow I now live lying on the branch