

Declared by the above Margaret Wilsonson
the Testimony to be her last will and Testament in
the Presence of us who subscribe our names as
witnesses in her presence.

Thos Healey

Domens Drucks

William Davidson

Margaret^{do} Wilsonson

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W. H. H.

In the name of God amen. I John Ward son
of the Province of North Carolina and County of
Duplin County, being of sound perfect mind and
memory do to God for the same feel willing to mind
the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed
to all men once to die do constitute make &
ordain this my last will and Testament in
manner and form following way. Principally
first of all give my soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it me and my body to the earth
to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the
direction of my Executors hereafter named, nothing
doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
recover the same again by the mighty power of
God. And as touching such worldly Estate as it
 hath pleased God of his --- mercies to bless me
with in this life I do dispose of in the following
manner and form. First I will that all my just
debts and funeral charges be cleared and discharged.
Then I do give and bequeath to my son Benjamin
Ward one cow and calf and all that I have given
him that he has and has to him and his heirs
forever. Then I do give and bequeath to my son John
Ward one cow and calf one feather bed and bolster one
dish and basin and two plates all now in his
possession to him his heirs forever. Then I do give
and bequeath to my son John Ward one cow
and calf one feather bed & one bolster one
dish one basin and two plates to him and his
heirs forever. Then I do give and bequeath to my

daughter Sarah Ward one cow and calf one
bed and calf in some Eastern hay they and
their increase two ewes and lambs they and
their increase one feather bed & bolster & furniture
and bequeath one large pot one chest one iron
box and heaters, one Linen wheel, one wallow
wheel and one small trunk, one dish, one basin
and two plates one quarter Sackard one dozen
tea cups and saucers & two sows and pigs to
she and her heirs forever. Then I do give and
bequeath to my well beloved wife Jane Ward one
feather bed and furniture and bequeath one chest
one large black horse saddle bridle and bit, one
plow and gun one small horse, saddle,
bridle and halter one plow and gun one chest
and wheel one Linen wheel one pot and frying
pan two harrow axes, one broad ax to working
logs, one grubbing bar all the rest of my furniture
not yet mentioned, all rest of my cattle, hogs
and sheep, not yet mentioned & all my guns, and
all the rest of my Estate not herein mentioned,
also the place where I now live I lived her
during her natural life to she and her heirs for
ever. Then I give and bequeath to my son
John Ward I part of the plantation whereof I now
live beginning on a Chestnut oak in Smiths
Swamp and running along a row of mark
trees to a great pine near a small branch thence
the same course to the branch thence up the
branch to the head to the head line thence along
the side line to Smiths swamp thence down the
various corners of the swamp to the beginning to
him and his heirs (after my wife's death) forever.
Then I do give and bequeath to my son John Ward
(after my wife's death) the remainder of my
land and plantation, to him and his heirs forever.
And further I do appoint my beloved wife Jane
Ward and my son John Ward Executors of this my

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Then - I do give and bequeath to my son George
Ward one cow and calf and all that I have given
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and calf one feather bed & one bolster and
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daughter Sarah Ward one cow and calf one
cow and calf in some certain days they and
their increase two ewes and lambs they and
their increase one feather bed & bolster & basin
and bedstead one large pot one chest one iron
box and heaters, one Linen wheel, one wallow
wheel and one small trunk, one dish, one basin
and two plates one plaster tankard one dozen
tea cups and saucers & two cows and pigs to
she and her heirs forever. Then I do give and
bequeath to my wife Beloved wife Jane Ward one
feather bed and furniture and bedstead one chest
one large black horse saddle bridle and harness,
one plow and gun and one small horse, saddle,
bridle and harness one plow and gun one chest
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also the place where I now live I lived her
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Jr (after my wife's death) the remainder of my
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And further I do appoint my beloved wife Jane
Ward and my son John Ward Executors of this my

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. }

State of N^c Carolina } October Court 1777
Duplicer Circuit }

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^c 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 & bridle
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