

In the Name of God Amen: I John Williams of
Franklin County, and State of North Carolina, being very
sickly and weak in Body, but of perfect Sound Mind
and Memory, do make, make, and establish this (revoking
all others heretofore made) to be, continue & remain my
Last Will and Testament: And first of my Body,
I commit it to the Earth, to be buried in a decent
and Christian like Manner at the properest Charges
of my Estate, & at the discretion of my Executors whom
I shall hereafter name.

And, as touching such worldly Estate which with it
has pleased God to bless me with in this Life: I pro-
vide & distribute in the following manner form
Imprimis I lend to my beloved Wife Mary Williams
during her natural Life, and to my three youngest
sons Keichen, Miles and Peter the sole Use and
Benefit of all my Land and Plantations I now own-
ing all my Improvements, Houses, Orchards & Mills
and Cattle in the following manner (Viz) my
said Wife to have & enjoy one third part of the
profits of the same during the Term of her natural
Life - and at her death the whole to be equally
divided between my said three youngest sons
Keichen, Miles & Peter giving & granting the same
to them (after my said Wife's death) to them & to their
Heirs & Assigns forever -

Item The Balance of my Estate, including all my
personal Property of all kinds, Consisting of Negroes,
Stock of all kinds, Household & Kitchen furniture, Plantations
Tools &c. &c. to be sold after my death at pub-
lic Sale by my Executors hereafter named: and the
proceeds, applied in the first place to the discharge of all

All my just Debts, and the Balance to be distributed
as follows: I give to my beloved Wife the said
Mary Williams the sum of One Hundred Dollars to
be raised upon to her out of the property which I stand
to be sold - And I likewise give to Betty Phipps
and Amelia Adams, the said Betty Adams the each of them
the sum of Seventy five Dollars to be raised upon to
them in manner aforesaid - And the Balance then
remaining in the Hands of my said Executor I leave to be
equally divided amongst my said Wife and my Son
William, namely William Williams, Betty Adams, Elizabeth Adams,
David Adams, Jonathan Williams, Peter Williams & John
Williams, each to share alike.

And I hereby constitute, make, appoint William Adams
my Son & Executor to be my Executor to this
my last Will & Testament I require him to execute
faithfully every article & clause of the same according to
its plain sense & meaning.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
affixed my seal this Twelfth day of July, in the
Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred &
Seventeen

Signed Sealed in
Presence of us as Witnesses
his
Dwight & Miller
made
John his Son - First
Robert Melton

John Williams (Seal)