

In the name of God amen. The 18th Day of
May 1765 I Francis Williams, in the Province of
North Carolina, & Halifax & Edgecombe Parish being very
sick & weak in body, but of God & sound memory, thank be
to almighty God, & Calmly to mind the uncertain Estate
of this Transitory Life & that all, I both must Yield
to Death, when it shall please God to call ~~me~~ to make
Constitute & declare this my last will &
Testament, in form, following ——— Resting
& unwilling, ~~all~~ by these Presents, all, & every last
Will, & Wills by me, heretofore made, & declared either
by word or Writing, & this only to be taken, for my
last will & Testament, & moreover, & first being
penitent & sorry from the Bottom of my heart for my sins
past & not lawfully desiring forgiveness for the same, give
& commit my Soul unto almighty God my Saviour &
Redeemer, in & through the merits of Jesus Christ
I trust, & believe, that, assured by his blood, & that my
Soul with my Body at a General, Day of, the Resur-
= rection shall arise again with joy, & through
the merits of Christ's Death, & Passion possess
& Inherit, the Kingdom of heaven. prepared for
his Elect & Chosen, & my Body to be buried in such
a place, where it shall please my Executors, hereafter
named, shall appoint & provide for the settling of my
Temporal Goods & such Goods, Chattels, & Debts as
it hath pleased God, above my debts, to bestow upon
me. I do ~~will~~ give & dispose of the same in manner
& form, following, Vizt ———

First, I will that all those Debts & dues, as I owe in
Right of Conscience to any person or persons whatsoever
shall be well & truly paid & contented, within conveni-
ent time after my decease, by my Executors, hereafter

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Item, I give & bequeath unto my loving wife, Sarah
the Negro man, called York & her riding Saddle
Item, I give & bequeath unto my son Charles
Williams Two Hundred Acres of Land More or Less
lying in Halifax County in the Province of New-
England bounded as followeth Beginning at a maple
in a Branch in a side line the North side of proximity
so down the Branch to proximity Creek thence across

to the other side to the Useing Spring Branch thence
Along the Branch through the Plantation by the Spring
to the head and so to a white Oak Corner in the Opposit
Line and so up Each side of prossimon Creek according
to the Bounds of the patent.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Francis Williams
Two Hundred Acres of Land more or less it being part
of the same Tract and held by the same patent and
Bounded by the aforesaid Spring Branch (Bounded) Co-
ners and so down Each side of prossimon Creek accord-
ing to the bounds of the patent aforesaid including my
dwelling houses.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Ann
Williams Ten pounds proclamation money.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann
Williams Ten pounds proclamation money.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann
Williams Ten pounds proclamation money.

Item I give unto my daughter Fannie Ann Williams
Ten pounds proclamation money.

Item I give and Bequeath unto all my aforesaid ^{named} Children
the Remainder of my Estate Stocks of all kinds goods and
Chattels to be Equally divided at my Wifes pleasure among
them and till then to be kept together by her to raise the
Children or to be used at her discretion so it is
to the good of her self and the Children I appoint and
Ordain my loving wife Sarah Williams sole and
Sole Ex^r. of this my last Will and Testament Wil-
ness my hand and Seal the day and year first Writ-
ten Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us

Robert Green

Robert Williams

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} Tras. Williams 

Witnessed

before signed

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and I do hereby make up for them all according
to the bounds of the patent a freed including my
sitting horses.

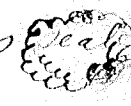
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Halifax County N. B. July Court 1764

The above will was exhibited in open Court by the Excutory
and duly proved by the Oath of Robert Williams one of the
Subscribing Witnesses thereto who is Oath did say that
he saw the said James Williams publicly sign
and give deliver the same to be his last will and
Testament thereupon the Excutory was duly qualified
according to Law thereupon the said will was read
Recorded and is Recorded to Jos Montfort C. C. -