

In the name of God Amen. I John Williams of the County of Halifax & State of North Carolina
of sound disposing mind & memory, but failing health do make, ordain, publish, and declare this my last will &
Testament, hereby revoking all others in manner & form following (to wit) I give & bequeath to my two
Children Nicholas Williams & Sally Williams, a tract of land bought of D. Med. & another Tract near the
Pulley to them & their heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my three daughters Polly, Martha, & Elizabeth
Ellen & Francis Drake a tract of land, lying on Gideon Swamp, the land secured by two Deeds of sale
from Douglass & Smith a Tract known by the name of the Lowry Hill land, and another known by the name
of the Road land, to them & their heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my two Daughters Rebecca & Lucy
Williams a tract of land known by the name of the pine wood Tract in North Carolina, to them & their
heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter Francis Drake three negroes (to wit) Kate, Mary
& Isaac, also two Cows & Calves & a beef, to her & her heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my son
Nicholas Williams three negroes Frank, Isham & Patience, also seven Cows & Calves or their value
in other Cattle, a Bed & furniture to him & his heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter
Sally Williams three negroes Great Lucy, Phillips and Pips her child to her & furniture seven Cows
or their value in other Cattle, & one of the best horses to be allotted by the Executor, to her & her heirs
for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Williams three negroes, Matt, Annia & Maggie
a Bed & furniture seven Cows & Calves or their value in other Cattle, one of the best horses to be allotted by
the Executor to her & her heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter Lucy Williams three negroes
Ad, Cilly and Leonard a Bed & furniture seven Cows & Calves or their value in other Cattle one of
the best horses to be allotted by the Executor to her & her heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter Martha
Pitts a Tract of land. She now lives on, & also the Ingham land, twelve head of cattle now in possession, also
five negroes, Sarah, Ben, Joe, Duval & Nelson to her & her heirs for ever. I then give & bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Ellen two negroes Pips & Lucy now in her possession to her & her heirs. I then give & bequeath to
my eight Children Elizabeth, Polly, Martha, Nicholas, Sally, Francis, Rebecca & Lucy all the rest & residue
of my estate except the negroes that are not particularly mentioned hereby declare that the said negroes that are not
particularly given in the above premises, shall be Equally divided between my Children as aforesaid Martha
Pitts, Elizabeth, and it is my further desire that if either of my four Children (to wit) Nicholas, Sally, Rebecca
& Lucy should die without heir the property so belonging to the said Child or Children shall be equally
divided amongst the surviving Children, to them & their heirs for ever. I do hereby constitute & appoint
son Nicholas Williams & my sons in law Nat Pitt & John H. Drake Executors of this my last will
& Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & seal this 11th day of September
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety four
Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of

I Isaac, also two Cows & Calves & a beef, to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my son
Nicholas Williams three negroes Frank, Isham & Patience, also seven Cows & Calves or their value
in other Cattle, a Bed & furniture to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter
Sally Williams three negroes Great Davey, Phillip and Pips her child to be bred & furniture seven Cows
or their value in other Cattle, & one of the best houses to be allotted by the Executors, to her & her heirs
for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Williams three negroes, matts, Cornish & morgan
a Bed & furniture seven Cows & Calves or their value in other Cattle, one of the best houses to be allotted by
the Executors to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Lucy Williams three negroes
Red, Gilly and Leonard, a Bed & furniture seven Cows & Calves or their value in other Cattle one of
the best houses to be allotted by the Executors to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Martha
Pitt, a Tract of land, she now lives on, & also the Ingham's land, with her head cattle now in possession, and
five negroes, Sarah, Ben, Joe, Duval & Nelson to her & her heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Ellen, two negroes, Pips & Davey now in her possession to her & her heirs. Item I give & bequeath to
my eight children Elizabeth, Polly, Martha, Nicholas, Sally, Francis, Rebecca & Lucy all the rest & residue
of my estate except the negroes that are not particularly mentioned. And I do hereby declare that the said negroes that are not
expressly given in the above premises, shall be Equally divided between my Children aforesaid Martha
Pitt, Elizabeth, and it is my further desire that if either of my four Children (to wit) Nicholas, Sally, Rebecca
& Lucy should die without heir, the property so belonging to the said Child or Children shall be equally
divided amongst the surviving Children, to them & their heirs for ever. I do hereby constitute & appoint
son Nicholas Williams & my sons in law Joel Pitt & John H Drake Executors to this my last will
& Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & seal this 11th day of September
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety four

signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of

John Martin William Parker Testator's Father

John Williams



Halifax County 28 February 1795
Wherefore Testimony is given that this will was exhibited in open Court & duly
proved by the Oath of John Martin a witness there to and an Motion ordered to be Recorded, to wit
Nicholas Williams, Joel Pitt & John H Drake the Executors in the said will named. Come in and
was duly qualified there to

Witness

Done at

John Williams