

Will of Benjamin Williams

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Williams of the County of Johnston being of sound and perfect mind and memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of transitory life well knowing that let it be appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following I desire that my body may be buried in a christian like manner at the discretion of my executors herein after to be named and as to my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with I desire in the following manner to wit:

First I give and bequeath unto my brother Joseph Williams seventy five pounds to be paid by my executor herein after to be named at his discretion

Secondly I give and bequeath unto Horace Sellers alias Horace Cain one hundred and fifty pounds current money to be paid to the said Horace by my executor herein after named at his option either in current money or such property as may be mutually agreed by the said Horace and my executor at the current prices should they not agree on the value such property that men by them shall be chose to value such property and they are hereby appointed, to call in a third person to decide any difference in opinion which may arise their opinion of value of such property

Thirdly I give bequeath and devise all my lands and tenements stock and negroes, horses, cattle, sheep and hogs with all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal rights and credits to my nephew Benjamin Williams of the Town of Newbern his heirs and assigns forever and I do nominate and appoint and constitute my said nephew Benjamin Williams of the town of Newbern my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disannulling all other or former wills here before by me made declaring this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and ninety four. Signed sealed published, and declared in presence of

Benjamin Williams (200)

John Stevens
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Will of John Allen

In the name of God Amen I John Allen of the State of North Carolina, and county Johnston being in perfect mind, and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner to wit:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Edith Allen six negroes to wit: Jody, Tib, Nappa, old Jack Nimbee and Equine also three horses one by name of Voltair one by the name Bondy and one by name of Ball also ten cows and calves eighteen head of sheep four feather beds and furniture and four lots in the town of Smithfield known and distinguished by the following number, one No 8, one No 9, one No 10 and one No 11 during her natural life and after her decease to be sold and equally divided among my children

I give and bequeath to my son William Allen his heirs executors and administrators forever three negroes to wit: Sam, Harry and Pomer also all my land on the South side of Neuse River except one tract on Little Creek of one hundred and fifty acres and on the branches of White Oak fifty acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Gidian Allen his heirs and assigns forever three negroes to wit: Choto, Jerry and Ninety also seven hundred and thirty acres of land on the North side of Neuse River joining William Farmers and John Williams lands also one lot in the town of Smithfield known by No 51 to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son John Allen his heirs and assigns forever three negroes to wit: Lum, Jin and Dilly also all my lands lying on the north side of Neuse River joining Smithfield and the waters of Buffalo Swamp also one lot in the town of Smithfield known by No 31 to him his heirs and assigns forever

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Allen her heirs and assigns forever three negroes to wit: Pomer, Hercules and Libby to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Allen her heirs and assigns forever four negroes to wit: