

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 upon 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:

Andrew, Dempsey, Meriam and little Jack to her and
her heirs and assigns forever and further my will is that all
my property both real and personal that is not mentioned
or willed away be sold at twelve months credit the hogs which
I wish to be kept together until the fall then made of at
out of the crop now growing and all except so much as will
answer for my wife and her family to be sold at six months
also what corn and bacon now in my house to go to the
use of my wife and family and further my will is that
eight barrels of pork now in Barrells I wish to be sold as
soon as possible and I do also constitute nominate and
appoint John Smith Jr and John Bryan Jr executors to the
my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of May
Anno Domini 1774. Signed sealed and delivered in presence
of

William Sasser
D^y Gully

John ^{mark} Allen (seal)

Will of William Bayley

In the name of God Amen. I William Bayley of Johnston County
in State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak but
of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, and calling to
mind the mortality of my body knowing that is appointed for
all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will
and testament and first of all I give my soul into the hands
of God who gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried
in a decent manner at discretion of my executors hereafter named
as touching such worldly estate it has been pleased God to bless
me with I give and dispose in manner as follows.

I give to my beloved sons Ellick Bayley and Joel Bayley
one hundred and fifty acres of land whereon I live to be divided
by a branch running through the plantation

I give to my beloved sons William Bayley and Jesse Bayley
two hundred acres of land to be equally divided by my executors

I give to my beloved wife one feather bed two breeding mares two
pots and all my workings tools and all my powder and nine head
of hogs and two wheels and cards and the use of my plantation
during her life.

I give to my daughter Sarah Bayley one feather bed.

I give to my daughter Nichol one cow.

I give to my beloved son Ellick Bayley one horse colt one cow, one feather
bed and the remainder of my estate to be sold to pay my debts
and remainder to wife revoking all other wills by me made
I do appoint my wife Sarah Bayley and Frederick Hanes
executors of this my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have set my hand and seal this day and year
above written signed sealed in the presence and delivered in
presence of

Mathew Parker.
Henry ^{mark} Horn.

William ^{mark} Bayley. (seal)