

Martha Williams "Will"

In the name of God Amen - the 30th day of August in the Year of our Lord 1760 - I Martha Williams of Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina Widow being very wise and sound in body but of feeble mind and memory thanks be given unto God, Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Lord to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Ex^{ors} nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty powers of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give

I give and bequeath unto my well and beloved son Jacob Williams one negro fellow named Tom and seven pounds Virginia Currency one bad Iron Horse and Colson her riding horse and one mare yearling
I give and bequeath unto my well and beloved son Nathan Williams one negro woman named Venus and seven pounds of Virginia Currency one bad Iron Horse and Colson one mare and one horse one woman's saddle and bridle
I give and bequeath unto my well and beloved son Isaac Williams one negro woman named Jane, one negro girl named Rachel, one negro boy named Jonas, one negro boy named Sallit, one negro boy named Tom together with my whole estate to be by him disallowed and enjoyed. I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke and disannul all and every other former wills and gifts and bequests by me in any way before or after to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 30th day and year above written

Signed, Sealed, Published and Delivered by the said Martha Williams as her last Will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers

Jethro Butler

Joseph Langston

North Carolina

Johnston County } His Maj^{ty}'s Court 1761

Then the within will proven by the oath of Jethro Butler and Joseph Langston subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Reg^d

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At the same time Isaac Williams appeared and qualified as Ex^{or}

Martha Williams (Seal)

Isaac Williams Ex^{or}

John Rection's Will

In the name of God Amen - I John Rection of Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina being sick of body but of perfect mind and memory and for avoiding controversies after my decease I make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary two cows and Colson and one heifer one sow and pigs one young boy mare with a bald face

I give and bequeath to my son Hudson three horses and forty acres of land lying on Smith Creek up to Benton line one cow and heifer one boy horse colt

I give and bequeath to my daughters Betie and Millie one hundred acres of land on the south side of Smith Creek to be equally divided between them I also give to Betie one Gray pacing mare and her increase - I also give to Millie one cow called a spot and her increase

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel one cow and one heifer and a pacing horse colt and a calf

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one cow and a heifer and spotted calf

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah my plantation on the south side Smiths Creek running up to a great fork on the north side to Hudsons line during her natural life or as long as she shall remain a widow, but if she should marry to have but 1/3 and after her decease to sell to my son Isaac or his wife she marries the two thirds to my son Isaac as for all the other my worldly effects I give and bequeath to my wife and appoint my said wife Ex^{or} and my loving brother Peter Ex^{or} of this my last will and testament revoking dissolving and making void all former wills and bequests by me before made ratifying and confirming this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of January 1761

Signed sealed published and

John Rection (Seal)

Pronounced delivered by the above named John Rection as his last Will and testament in the presence of us

Mary O'Rection

Mary Bleddon

Thos Springfield

North Carolina }
Johnston County }

There was this day proven in open Court by the oath of Mary Bleddon and ordered to be recorded