

North Carolina }
Johnston County }
Jord Williams' Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Jord Williams being very old in body but in perfect sense and right mind desiring to commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me and is desirous to bestow my temporal estate when the final hour befallen upon me as follows

I give my land and plantation that I now dwell on unto my well beloved wife and two Negro Boies and one and my riding mare and two plantation horses and two bds and furniture and the plate that belongs to the house and the pots

I give unto my beloved daughter Zevra a negro girl name Ann and a negro boy name Jack

I give my beloved son Isaac a negro boy name Tom and a negro boy name Charles and the lands lies on Middle Creek with the remainder except that part that I sold to Father Smith and a hundred acres taken that adjoining it

I give unto my beloved son Samuel a negro boy named Joe and the land and plantation that I bought of John Edmonson.

And a small trading gun to my son Isaac and a Bussanor gun to my son Samuel and I give all the rest of my estate when my debts is paid I leave to be equally divided amongst my well and beloved wife and my children when they come at age or marries and I also I do constitute and appoint my well and beloved wife my Executor and my Father Samuel Smith Son as witness my hand this December 20th 1760

Test

John Sanders
John Lawton

North Carolina }
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January Court 1761

Present His May^{ty} Justices

Then was the within Will proven in open Court by the Oaths of John Sanders and John Lawton and admitted to record when Samuel Smith being sworn the oath of an executor Test Court 1761 when Samuel Smith Executor qualified as executor of the last will and Testament of Jord Williams. Jane his widow and Executor by his will but not able to attend at last Court to qualify. She now came in to Court and qualified according to law as Executor Executrix on oath and affirmation of the Oaths of said Successor

Examined

Robert Rains CC

Thomas Arera Will

In the name of God Amen the 12th day of February 1761

I Thomas Arera of late of Johnston County in the Province of North Carolina planter being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God for the same Calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die. I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament first of all I give my hands unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it to me nothing doubting at the General resurrection to receive it again by the mighty power of God and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors and for what worldly estate it has been pleased to bless me which I dispose of in the following manner and form

Impema I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Judith her third of half the tract of land I dwell on during her life and one negro girl named Judith and one Yeather bed with a green ring and a pair of sheets and two cows and calves and one horse bridle and saddle and fifty pounds of current money of the Province to be levied out of my estate I leave and bequeath to my son Alex^r Arera one hundred acres of land where he now dwells to him and his heirs forever

I leave and bequeath to my beloved son Thos^r Arera one piece of land where he now dwells containing about thirty acres to him and his heirs forever

I leave and bequeath to my beloved son John Arera one half of the land I now live on the foot up the River to him and his heirs forever

I leave and bequeath to my sons Wm and Moses Arera one tract of land 2^d side of Neuse River containing two hundred and twenty acres to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs and assigns forever

I leave and bequeath to my beloved son Isaac Arera one half of the land I now live on with the plantation to him and his heirs forever

I bequeath to my beloved son Harry forty pounds of current money of the aforesaid Province to be levied out of my estate I leave and bequeath to my blessed daughter Edisabeth Jones twenty pounds of current money out of the proceeds to be levied out of my estate

I leave and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Arera forty pounds of current money out of the proceeds to be levied out of my estate

Divide wise leave forty pounds of aforesaid money to the child of my wife Judith reared gave with to be levied out of my estate but if it should die before it comes to maturity and