

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 shall be upon me as follows

I give my land and plantation that I now dwell on unto my well beloved wife and two Negro Boats and one and my riding mare and two plantation horses and two beds 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 }
Johnston County }

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 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 beloved daughter Edisabeth Jones thirty 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 goes with to be levied out of my estate but if it should die before it comes to maturity and

money to be divided amongst the rest of my children, and the rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst the rest of my children and I do hereby constitute my beloved sons Alexander & Thomas Avera to be Executors of this my last will and testament I do hereby revoke and disannul and disallow all other and former wills and testament This and no other to be my last will and testament in witness hereof I have signed sealed and delivered my hand and seal witness

William Avera
Will Jones Senr

Thomas ^{his} Avera (Seal)

Will of William Dean

In the Name of God Amen November 1st 3rd day in the year of our Lord 1760 - I William Dean of the County of Johnston and Province of North Carolina being at this time in a low state of body but in perfect mind and memory of calling to mind the mortality of body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. do constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all after this life is ended I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty powers of God and touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the manner and form following

Impressures - I give and bequeath to my well and beloved grand son Wm Dean son of Thomas Dean and his heirs forever One manner plantation whereon the said Thomas Dean now lives and land the lands containing One hundred and twenty five acres situated and lying and being in Craven County in the Province on a branch called the South branch in said County

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mary Culbert widow of Anthony Culbert deceased one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Rebecca Gordon now unmarried Aaron Grod one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath to my well and beloved daughter Francis Dean all the stock of hogs of my own property

Item I give and bequeath to my well and beloved daughter Priscilla Dean my negro fellow Coover paying to Hardy Dean the son of Francis Dean the sum of ten pounds at his arrival to fifteen years of age of the said negro shall live till the time is expired

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Simmonds now unmarried to Richard Simmonds one Shilling and further give and bequeath to William Culbert One horse running Craven County I also give to Hardy Dean aforesaid one boy branded thus A and all the rest of my residue of my estate my will is that it be equally divided between my two daughters Francis Dean and Priscilla Dean I also make and constitute Executors of this my last will and testament and I disallow revoke and disannul all and other former testaments wills and legacies bequest and Executors by me in any way before this time named called and bequeathed ratifying confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed published pronounced and delivered by the said William Dean as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned

Thomas Houghton

Lucy Culbert

North Carolina }

Johnston County }

Jan^y Court 1761

Present his Maj^{ty} Justice

And was this will proven by the oath of Thos Horton a subscribing witness and admitted to record Francis and Priscilla Daughters of deceased qualified as Executors

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