

I Lewis Williams of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina do make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament viz I desire in the first place that my body may be decently buried in a Christian like manner. And as to my worldly goods with which it has pleased God to bless me I give devise and bequeath them as follows viz First I give and bequeath the tract of land wherein I now reside to my beloved Wife Isena Williams during her natural life with all the buildings, improvements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging also all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description. And I bequeath her in absolute property all the money, notes and accounts, belonging to me at the time of my death. Secondly I give devise and bequeath unto my son Arctus Williams his heirs, executors administrators and assigns forever the following property viz I confirm to him the title to a certain tract or parcels of land for which I have already given him deeds and bequeath to him as aforesaid one negro man named Nade. Thirdly I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Frances Jones one negro woman named Patsy and I confirm to her the title to a certain piece or parcel of land known as the Houston Tract for which I have heretofore given her a deed, to her, her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever. Fourthly Having no confidence whatever in C. A. Cox the husband of my daughter Barbara I give and bequeath and devise unto my son Arctus Williams his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever the following property viz the tract of land wherein I now reside subject to the life estate of my wife Theron and a negro woman named Sarah in special trust and confidence nevertheless that he and they will hold the same for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Barbara Cox for and during her natural life in such manner that the same shall in no event be subject to the control or liable for the debts or contracts of her husband, C. A. Cox, and I wish Arctus or his executors, administrators or assigns to allow his sister Barbara, either on the said place to live or to rent it out for her separate use and benefit and in the further trust that upon the death of my daughter Barbara, that he or they shall surrender up in absolute property the said land and negro to such child or children as she may leave her surviving and the representatives of any of such children as may then be dead to be equally divided between them. And in case my said daughter Barbara should die leaving no children or the representatives of such, then it is my will and desire that the said property shall be surrendered by the Trustee as aforesaid to be equally divided between my daughter Eliza Frances Jones and my son Arctus Williams, their heirs, executors administrators or assigns. Fifthly All the rest and residue of my Slaves and other property I give to my beloved Wife Isena Williams for and during her natural life and upon her death I give devise and bequeath thereof to Arctus Williams and Eliza Frances Jones in absolute property and the remaining third part thereof to Arctus Williams in trust and confidence for the sole and separate use and benefit of his sister Barbara Cox, for and during her natural life so as not to be subject to the control or liable for the debts or contracts of her husband. And upon the death of the said Barbara to surrender the said third part in absolute property to such child or children as she the said Barbara may leave her surviving and the representatives of such child or children of hers as may be then dead and in further trust that if the said Barbara should leave no child or children nor the representatives of such living at her death, then that the property so left for her use and benefit to be equally divided between my son Arctus Williams and my daughter Eliza Frances Jones, their heirs executors administrators and assigns. Forth. Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son Arctus Williams sole executor of this my last Will and Testament and revoke all other Wills, by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness of all which I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this 23rd day of December A.D. 1851

Lewis Williams



Signed sealed, published and declared
after all the usual and interlineations
were made in presence of us

Wm H Washington }
J G Little }

Isena Williams

Codicil

I hereby revoke all that part of the foregoing Will which relates to Eliza F Jones, now Eliza F Stanley, and in lieu thereof, having no confidence whatever in her present husband Eliza Stanley. I hereby give and bequeath unto my son Arctus Williams one negro woman named Patsy, also all the dower of my wife on this part of all my negroes not otherwise disposed of together with one third part of all my other personal property, by every description in special trust however that he will hold the same for the sole and separate use and benefit of her the said Eliza F Stanley for and during her natural life in such manner that the same shall be in no wise subject to the control or liability for the debt or contracts of her husband the said Eliza Stanley and I wish Arctus or his executor, administrator or assigns to pay over to her the said Eliza F Stanley the annual profits thereof for her separate use and benefit and at her death to surrender the absolute property thereof to her children.

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator

in our presence this 3rd day of November

1855

C. S. F. Giles

A. C. Grady

Lewis Williams (Seal)

Jones County Court

January Term A.D. 1858

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lewis Williams deceased with Codicil annexed is exhibited for probate in open Court by Arctus Williams the only executor therein named, and the due execution thereof by the said Lewis Williams is proved by the oaths and examination of William H. Washington and Thompson & Little the subscribing witnesses thereto and by the oaths and examination of C. S. F. Giles and A. C. Grady subscribing witnesses to the Codicil thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said Lewis Williams, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Arctus Williams executor as aforesaid duly qualifies as such by taking the oath required by law. Ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

Attest Benjamin A. New Clerk of C.

In the name of God Amen

I Hiram Mallard of Jones County and State of North Carolina being sick of body but of perfect sound mind and disposing memory, calling to mind the mortality of the Body & that it is appointed for all human beings once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following. I commend first of all I would recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and bequeath as follows viz

First my will and desire is that all my just debts (should there be any) be first discharged & paid, with all funeral expenses.

Item 2nd I give devise and bequeath unto Daniel Harrison son of William Harrison, one piece of Land Beginning at a Hickory Daniel Mallard corner on the west side of Lumping run just within Daniel Harrison's field on the hill, and thence with the patent line to said Lumping run branch, thence up said branch to the mouth of a small branch next to the lands of D. Harrison thence up said small branch up to a Black Gum corner of the patent (said patent herein named was granted to Daniel Mallard) thence with said patent line to a dogwood, another corner of said patent, thence to the beginning, containing by estimation eight acres more or less unto him the said Daniel Harrison his heirs and assigns forever.

Item 3rd I give devise and bequeath unto my niece Mary Harrison daughter of Stephen Harrison and all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal of whatsoever kind it may be unto him her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 4th I hereby exclude all other relation from sharing any part or portion of my last estate, this being heretofore provided for and having no just claims on my estate.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my niece Mary Harrison daughter of Stephen Harrison and whole and sole executrix to this my last Will & Testament revoking all former wills and heretofore made acknowledging this to be my only and last Will. In testimony