

State of North Carolina by cause of Pleas in the Inventor
Warren County 3 April March Term 1797 J.
Who & they are now to the will & sent by me to my
Court and a qualified to execute the same

W. W. Watty C.R.C.

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Warren County, North Carolina. I William Williams being of sound mind and
memory and having the knowledge of life & condition am of full age and
do hereby make and declare. Item 1st. I bind to my wife during her life
the plantations wherof I now reside in Warren County adjoining the land of
Lew Williams and others. I further bind to her a tract of land in
Warren County beginning at James Baker's house, then down the swamp
to the Bear Creek and there to Lew Williams line and up the river
to the beginning - I also bind her a tract of land in Warren County
purchased by me of Lew Borden containing by estimation four
hundred acres adjoining the lands of Tom and Rector - I also bind
to my wife fifty acres of land in Warren County on the south
side of the Stage road leading from Worcester to Lumberton
as a to entice the improvements made as a summer retreat
. I further now bind unto my wife during her life the following
negroes (one old Phubie and two children with the
exception of (slavery on a slave) Flora, being one he
children. Stephen, his wife and a child, Linton, son of
Matthew and Lucy, Daniel, Mark, Allen, Anthony, Lucinda
Mary, Browning and his children also Willis, Cemetery & Isaac
. Then the last mentioned negroes namely Willis, Cemetery and
Isaac which I have bound to my wife during her life. I give
and bequeath to my son David Williams at his death and on
the balance of the negroes known to his birth after his
death to be equally divided among my four children
Jemima Joins, Eliza Carroll, Martha Clark and
Sarah Williams. I give to my wife sixtys of her choice and
her signature, also an equal part of my stock, also one fourth part
of the crop growing at my service and choice of two horses
out of all my stock of horses.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my son Henry S. Williams the following tract
in Warren County 100^{acres} the tract purchased of James Connor Williams. Also
I bind to my wife during her life a tract of land
known by the name of New Hope lying on Roanoke River, also which may be known
by reference to the surveyors to have been in a ridge fronting the river
from time to time to H. S. Williams. He has a design for me to tract of
land in Burke County however as follows - viz. beginning at the
corner standing on a running up to Sheld hole but, thence to Pugle
and a corner then down the but to beginning opposite Pugle
corner containing by estimation six hundred and forty acres -
I also give to my son H. S. Williams the sum of Eight hundred
dollars to be paid him out of my estate and a sum that the
slaves in his possession shall be considered as his own
property -

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son William N. Williams
the following tract of land in Warren County 100^{acres}, all the land
purchased by him of Hoddy Henderson and wife Mrs. Hoddy
Henderson and Samm Moore - to him and his heirs and
successors. I also give and bequeath to my son
William N. Williams, the following negroes, say Moses, B. G. John
and his children, and Harry and Rasing, to him and
his heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Temperance an
 negro, his heirs & assigns from my plantation in Burke County
 known by the name of Conch, including my interest in the property
 adjoining the land of Cook and Cather. also I give and
 bequeath to her and her heirs and assigns the land I purchased
 of Isaac of Lumberton in a tract adjoining Mrs. McLean
 I desire that the negro in her possession shall be
 considered her property -

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ely, also
 called her heirs and assigns forever my land in Burke County
 known by the name of Caesar's Ledge joining the land of Pugh
 and Riddins, also six hundred acres more or less of pasture
 land adjoining Col. Pugh - I also desire that the negroes
 in her possession be considered her property.

Item 6th. I give and a bequeath to my daughter Martha
 Clark her heirs and assigns from the following parcels
 of land all lying in Burke County 100^{acres}, one tract
 known by the name of the Bone place containing about
 forty hundred acres, also a place known by the name
 of Simms Neck containing about four hundred
 and a twenty acres also one tract known by the name
 of the Jones tract containing about fifty acres and
 one other tract purchased of Col. Pugh containing
 about two hundred acres. I desire that the negroes in
 her possession be considered her property

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son David Williams his heirs and assigns forever the following tract of land in Chester County, viz., the place where I now reside, a dwelling house of Lewis Williams and others containing about eight hundred acres. I also give and bequeath to my son David Williams his heirs and assigns forever, the place where he now resides which may be known as the place where William H. Williams formerly resided and further by me from him in due a time conveying the same and other property —

I also give and bequeath to my son David Williams his heirs and assigns, forever the following tract of land in Chester County, viz., a tract of land known by the name of the Hay Stack, a dwelling the house of the deceased and others — also one other tract of land by the name of the Dugfield a dwelling a dwelling the house of Mr. Hugh and others and also all my lands in British purchase of said Williams and also Colgate & Wiggin extending over to Lewis Williams his also eight hundred acres of pasture land adjoining Lewis Pond and Lewis Williams — I desire that the negroes in his possession shall be considered his property —

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my grand children W. H. Williams, Eliza Williams, Jane Williams Solomon Williams, Maria Fred Williams and Henry G. Williams the following negroes my slaves his wife Dorothy, and their children to be equally divided among them.

All the negroes not mentioned in my will, I wish to be equally divided among my four children Temperance James, Elizabeth Cornell, Martha Clark and David Williams. I leave all the lands and other interests in this my last will and Testament — to be sold for the payment of debts of my debts, of the money arising from the sale of my stock, crop and furniture together with the proceeds of sale of land so should exceed my debts. I desire the same to be divided equally among the following persons, my own Slave to my wife and on share to each of my four children Temperance Eliza, Elizabeth Cornell, Martha Clark and David Williams and on share to my grand children W. H. Williams, Eliza Williams, Jane Williams, Sol. Williams, Maria Fred Williams & N. F. Williams —

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I do condition and appoint my trusty friends David Clark, Henry G. Williams and of Warren C. C. and my son David Williams Executors to this my last will and Testament. I desire that all the negroes in possession of each of my four children Temperance James, Eliza Cornell, Martha Clark and David Williams be valued and also all those negroes not mentioned to also value and that each of my four children Temperance James, Eliza Cornell, Martha Clark and David Williams shall have an equal share according to value — but it is understood that each of the above named four children shall retain those negroes which may be in his or her possession. I also desire that my faithful Slave Jacob, and my boy Tony shall receive the property of any of my children that they may inherit as the owner.

Signed at Clarkesville this 25th dec^r 1829.

In presence of
Jacob Matty &
Joshua Harrelle

Wm. Williams Esq^r

Not of Clarkson. The above will was affixed for probate at June Term 1829, and proved according to Law. —

J. H. Fratts Atk