

In view of your time, I hope this being
in good health & convenient to my Master.
if it will take him into consideration

as to the last time of his wages &

and to give it, & my body to his Master, until my
Master willing will have said a reunion at the
Assumption—And as Touching such worldly Estate
as God hath blessed me with, I will give & dispose

of in the following manner before my death—viz—

Item. I will give & bequeath to my beloved wife ~~myself~~ by her
the plantation of 108 acres on which to reside
with all houses, barns, fields, meadow &c thereon
for clearing the term of her widowhood, & also the
Hire Dick for said term to work on said land to
two work creatures said term to work said land, &
plantation tools & farming Utensils for her husband
my executors in their discretion shall lay off & assign
to her for said term, Provided nevertheless, that if my
said wife & my executors do find that one or two of
the fine fields on said premises & any part of the build
ings thereon can be well spared from the above
mention'd use of my said wife; that then my executors
are to rent out the same for the benefit of the le
gates as they in discretion judges fit—

Item I will give, Bequeath & set over to my son William
Wallis to him & his ^{& co-espouse} heirs forever all the aforesaid tract
of 108 acres with all the appurtenances thereon to
be entered on when the above int. inheritance is
executed & not before—

Item, I will & give to my son Matthew Wallis Twenty dollars
Item I will & give to my daughter Betty Wallis the oldest negro
boy named George now about 12 years old—

Item I will & give to my daughter Mary Wallis

of it was that we had a number of men & women
as well as children & I am sorry to say
and to no game at. & my body is feeble, but I have
not been able to find work in a Union or the
Assassination - And as Touching such worldly Estate
as God hath blessed me with, I will give & dispose
of in the following manner before I die -

Imprimis. I Will Give & bequeath to my beloved wife ~~by her~~
the plantation of 108 acres on which I now live
with all houses, barns, field, meadow &c thereon
for clearing the term of her widow hood, & also the
Stone Dick for said term to work on said land &
two work creatures said term to work said land, &
plantation tools & farming Utensils for her breeding
my creatures in their discretion shall lay off & apply
to her for said term, Provided nevertheless, that if my
said wife & my creatures do find that one or two of
the fine fields on said premises & any part of the build
ings thereon can be well spared from the above
mention in case of my said wife, that then my creatures
are to rent out the same for the benefit of the le
gates as they in discretion judges fit -

Item I Will give, Bequeath & set over to my son William
Wallis to him & his Heirs forever all the aforesaid tract
of 108 acres with all the appurtenances thereto be
to be settled on when the above insurance is
recovered & not before -

Item I Will & give to my son Matthew Wallis Twenty dollars
Item I Will & give to my daughter Betsy Wallis the oldest my
boy named George now about 12 years old -
Item I Will & give to my daughter Hannah now under the sign
named Moses - about 11 years old -

Item I Will & give to my son James Willis the 3^d Negro boy named Stephen about 3 years old, & the 5th Negro boy named Joe about 4 years old both to him & his Heirs —

Item I will give & bequeath to the Children of my son Matthew Willis the 4th Negro boy named Moses about 6 years old to be kept & applied to their use & service as my said son Matthew or any legal guardian may direct at the Judge And it is further my will & pleasure that my Executors do sell my Negro girl named Rose & her child & such & gear as I have. Deth when the inventory is removed with all my horses, cows, Harnishes & kitchen furniture books, Cooper & carpenter tools waggon & driving utensils Every other article not bequeathed nor sold off by my Executors for the use of my said wife. After paid the money arising from said sale together with the money in hand due by notes & book debts, money here after growing clear &c. The next sum shall be divided viz — one half thereof shall be by my Executors paid to my said son James Willis & his Heirs Item and the remaining half shall be by my Executors divided equally between Majority thereof paid to my said daughter Hannah Allin Item and the remaining Majority paid to my said daughter Betsy Willis Provided nevertheless that if my said daughter Betsy Willis should die leaving no heirs of her body before she receives said Majority that then & in that case I hereby will & ordain that my said Executors Item do pay & deliver to my said son James Willis the one half of said Majority — and the remaining half shall be Item by them paid to my said daughter Hannah Allin And Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my Trusty Neighbors James Willis Esq. & Matthew Allin Scalder to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament Ratifying & confirming this and

Revoking all other wills or bequests written or word
or writing, In witness whereof I the said Ezekiel
Willis have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
this 10th day of August anno Domini 1803 -

Signed, Sealed pronounced & declared by the said Ezekiel
Willis as his last will & Testament before us -

Be it remembered that I the above said Ezekiel Willis
do hereby give & bequeath unto my said beloved
wife Lydia all the property that I received with her
when we were married which now remains in my pos-
session viz our feather bed & its furniture, Blanket, pots,
Dishess, cans, Coops, Bell the Hog, also two Negro women
else & her three children, & also all the Estate which fell
to my said wife by the death of her brother in Rowan
County or which may hereafter descend to her from
any of her kindred; and finally I hereby release &
quit claim & do hereby discharge my heirs from claim-
ing any interest in or to any property which was the
right of my said wife previous to our marriage.

In witness of all the above bequests & every

thing in this will to be my act & deed I do hereunto

set my hand & seal this 10th day of August anno 1803

Signed, Sealed pronounced & declared by the P. Ezekiel Willis
as his last will & Testament in open presence

John Alexander
Elias Alexander
James Wilson }
Jack Wilson }

Ezekiel Willis 

Whereas one of my executors appointed to execute this my
last will & Testament has since the making of the same
deceased, for convenience of which I do hereby constitute
& appoint George Wilson in his room & place together
with other surviving Executor & hereby grant

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unto the said Maxwell all that power given & granted
unto Nathaniel Alexander my former master, in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
this 9th of May 1809 -

In presence of {
Elias Alexander }

Ezekiel Muller 

In the Name of God Amen. I James Wilson of the State of North
Carolina & County of Rockingham, being of sound mind
& memory, do make & declare this my last will & testament
in manner & form following that is to say First I will
that all my debts be paid by Executors herein after
named. Then I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Wilson
his Heirs & assigns forever that part of my plantation where
on he now lies beginning at a heap of stones the corner
between me & Mathew or Gentry land running
thence N. 99 E 303 poles to a stake 16 poles to the left of
a Hickory my corner, & Dennis Gentry's corner running
to the dotted line in proportion plot 10 acres. I also
forgive him all the debts he owes me by note of hand
back account or otherwise Then I give & bequeath
to my son John Wilson his Heirs forever all that
plantation or tract of Land wherein I now live
exclusive of that part I have willed to my son Thomas
together with all my Negroes & all & every other
property that I possess either real or personal with this
Proviso that within twelve months after my death
he shall pay to my daughter Jane Miller the sum
of Ten dollars & to my daughter Elizabeth herein
the sum of ten dollars & to my son James Ten dollars
& to my daughter Martha Hester the sum of
Thirty dollars & to Margaret floor our low Valley
and my will & pleasure is that of my son John