

and to you all my friends and servants who may be here  
bearing so well as rest of my testators

Yours I will begin at the top and leave the bottom till follow  
ing property ready & sufficient time shall have been given me to the best  
& dear Represents, All my Stock & Chattels & property here better  
to go, though there may be some to sell & return for value received, the  
exception being following articles all my Stock & chattels can  
be sold, except the last will be kept to said heirs & left in  
my estate, except the following articles following articles  
box, Jim, box do, box late, box, & a number of other little articles  
gold chain, gold bangle, pearl necklace, fish Hair & gold bracelet  
gold chain & the rest in property shall be left to the said heirs  
to be sold, by said heirs for me.

Under this day I will that my wife Mary, to be my executors & shall be her  
power & she may make & execute my last will & testament at the discretion  
of my executors.

4th I declare my constable Captain and his son John Head to be the  
executors of this day last will & testament to receiveing all others  
left or left by me before my death, & satisfy ing them & others  
to be done, last will & testament before of them to be done.  
My executors hereunto set say, to end & seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1788.

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged by the undersigned  
In witness whereof I have affixed my hand & seal

William Williams

John Head

In the presence of God & man, I William Williams & by the boundary of  
which I have put my hand & seal on body, bid considerate mind &  
witnessing, being desirous that it is affixed for all men to see  
I do make & ordain this as my last will & testament.

First, I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently  
buried at the discretion of my friends & servants —  
And as I am leaving my world I desire them to be it with pleasure  
God to bless me with his grace of them as follows —

- 1<sup>st</sup> I allow all my lawful debts to be paid +
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mrs. Elizabeth H. M. the whole of my plantation which I now have in together with the mill including the whole of the different surveys adjoining for eight thousand acres that & afterwards bequeath to my son James said plantation Mill & gin. I allow my wife the full liberty & right to retain it so long as long as my wife may live after death allowing the whole of said plantation to go to my beloved son William -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved son James the plantation he now has in his name as follows: surveying the same & dividing it into black lands & open land & dividing the creek leaving out the brook to it passing above the mill were both by them divided, then a descent road leading out the field to it divides them into three with said lines to the mill ready there being given to John Green his at the Stony Branch land beginning with James John Pattersons, Charles and all the other black lands to the beginning - 4<sup>th</sup> I likewise give & bequeath to my son George and Grandson William Weston Black the whole of the land I brought from Henry Thompsons to be equally divided between them -
- 5<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas the whole of the plantation marked over lines together with the cotton gin and a forty acre Survey that I bought from James Mylin
- 6<sup>th</sup> Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson William Weston the survey that I brought from Tolles as follows containing 105 acres of land beginning a small Survey I bought from Joseph Reed -
- 7<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter George Alligood. The whole of the plantation that I bought from Christopher Johns containing two hundred & ten acres of land to be equally divided between them -
- 8<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mrs. Anna Doss & pillars for her use & support but on condition that said Mrs. will not be governed by my wife so as to be used & to buy the may in the sale of any of said lands as she may think proper
- 9<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved grand daughter a negro girl named Anna

With & give I also my wife her will and to fully investate  
as long as long as my wife may live I do and allow the  
whole of said plantation to my beloved son William -

- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give & bequeath to my said son I allow the plantation he now  
lives on to stand as it now stands. When his agent shall come  
to take his acco's upon the estate he will pay him his full value  
of the land to it price above the first acre of the bottom field, then  
a descent rope having out the field to establish there line  
then with said line to the ridge & then along to John  
Greens line at the stone bridge and to agree them with James  
John Pattersons, Dardens & all the other above lines to the  
beginning - 4<sup>th</sup> I likewise give & bequeath to my son George and  
grand son William Hartman Black the head of the land I bought  
from Henry Thompson to be equally divided between them -  
I give & bequeath to my beloved son Thomas the whole of the place  
Tidem Tharke. now lies on together with the bottom gin and as  
fifty acres Survey that I bought from James Kyle

5<sup>th</sup> item I give & bequeath to my Grandson William & Horse the Survey that  
I bought from John Starns containing 105 acres of land likewise  
& small Survey I bought from Joseph Read -

6<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Lucy Alligood.  
The whole of the plantation that I bought from Joseph Read of him  
containing two hundred & 16 acres of land to be equally divided  
between them -

7<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife three slaves. Name Don & Ellis  
for her use & support her on condition that said slaves will  
not be possessed by my wife so as to be used to her may  
make sale of any of said slaves as she may think proper  
8<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter a negro  
girl named Lucy.

10<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Lucy a negro  
girl named Harriet -

11. I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth one negro  
boy named Jake -

- 12<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my son James one negro girl named  
Cottontown —
- 13<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Thomas one negro girl named  
Charlotte —
- 14<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my son William & company negroes  
named Peas and Salt.
- 15<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mrs. Dickey  
the interest in my real estate and buildings.
- 16<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my wife two Horses her choice, likewise  
three Pounds of bacon of her choice & three head of sheep  
of her choice likewise I give & bequeath to my wife  
the whole of my dogs that is now living, & her two P. S. A. P.  
and also the two thirds of my cat dogs —
- 17<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of my household  
belongings furnished together with the whole of my books  
to be had & taken discharge —
- 18<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my wife Wm. Williams my wagon  
and the whole of my farming & tensils
- 19<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of the money  
that I now have on hand, and also the whole of my debt on hand  
both farm & cotton & also the whole of my clothing of every kind —
- 20<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my son James one hundred dollars in it, you will  
find him here and also three head of sheep —
- 21<sup>o</sup> I give & bequeath to my son William one hundred dollars in it, you will  
find him here, four head of sheep.
- 22<sup>o</sup> I hereby witnesseth that the whole of my property that is not  
privately willed & bequeathed shall be put up to public sale by my  
executors at twelve months credit & the money arising from said  
sale & the remainder of my estate, I break Recount after my death, is  
paid the remainder of said money is to be equally divided between my  
six children, James, Lucy, Elizabeth, Anna, & Charles
- 23<sup>o</sup> I bequeath to my wife her saddle & bridle —
- I hereby witnesseth & certify to appoint my two trusty friends  
James & John Mecklenburg Co., NC Wills 1782-1844 this my last will

Daniel Dear and self.

- 15<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife my negro Darky  
the value being to her the sum of £100 per annum.
- 16<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my wife two Horses her choice, likewise  
the same Power & before of her choice I have had herd of sheep  
of her choice & likewise I give & bequeath to my wife  
the whole of my dogs that is now 12 pds, for her use & sport  
and also the herd thereof of my cat dogs -
- 17<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of my household  
& Kitchen furniture together with the whole of my books  
to be used by her dispersal -
- 18<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my wife upon William my wages one  
and the whole of my僕人僕役 & house help  
19<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my beloved wife the whole of the money  
that I have herein on hand, and also the whole of my dogs on hand  
both live & fallen & also the whole of my clothing of every kind -
- 20<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my son James one hundred & 2 dollars in gold, of which  
is to be given here and also four head of sheep -
- 21<sup>st</sup> I give & bequeath to my son William one hundred & two  
hundred & twelve, four head of sheep.
- 22<sup>d</sup> Witness where above that the whole of my property that is real  
privately held & bequeathed that it be put up to sale to be sold by my  
executors at further months credit & the money arising from said  
Sale & the remainder of my n. t. & black account after my n. t. is  
paid the remainder of said money is to be equally divided between my  
six children, James, Henry, Elizabeth, Thomas, & William
- 23<sup>d</sup> I bequeath to my wife her saddle & bridle -
- I hereby "doe make & constitute & appoint my two trusty friends  
James Black & William Black to execute this my last will  
& testament - Given under my hand & s. l. 6<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1824 - Test. John Black
- John Black { William Black F. J.  
Sarah W. G. }