

North Carolina. Feb.

In the name of God Amen.
I David Williams of New Hanover County, Planter, being sick and
weak of body, but of sound and disposing memory, do make and
declare these presents to contain last Will and Testament, serv-
ing all others by me heretofore made.

I bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God
who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried at the discre-
tion of my Executors hereafter named; and after payment
of my just debts I give my worldly goods as follows.
Item. I give and devise unto my beloved wife Hester, one third
part of all my personal estate of what nature or kind soever
and the use of the plantation and houses where I now dwell, dur-
ing her widowhood, and also the use of all my household
furniture and stock of cattle.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my eldest son David, his
heirs and assigns, after my wife's decease or marriage, which
shall first happen, the plantation whereon I now dwell, situated
on the east side of the North East branch of Cape Fear River,
in New Hanover County, containing one hundred and sixty
acres, being the moiety of a patent granted me the twenty second
day of May 1741. Also one other tract contiguous thereto on Pumping
Run containing one hundred acres.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my second son Henry, his
heirs and assigns, a tract of land on Holly Shelter Creek, in New
Hanover County containing three hundred and twenty acres.

Item. Having heretofore given my daughter Hannah a full prop-
ortion of my estate, I now only devise and bequeath to her the third
volume of Kennels works.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca her
heirs and assigns, five acres of land in the town of New Castle,
one acre front on the upper part of my right, and the other four
acres back.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my two sons their heirs and
assigns, all the rest and residue of my estate herein not given
real or personal, to be equally divided between them.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Hester
my Executrix and my two sons David and Henry Executors of
this my last Will and Testament, hoping and praying, they
will see the same duly executed.

In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal
this fourteenth day of April in the year, of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and sixty nine.
Signed, Sealed, published and
declared in presence of us
John Kimes, Joel Allen, Edward A. }
David D. Williams Seal
mark

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Sept. April Court 1772

The within last Will and Testament, of David Williams was exhibited in open Court, and proved by the oath of Edward Denton a subscribing witness thereto, who swore that he saw the said David Williams, sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and Testament, and that to the best of his knowledge, the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that John Nines and Joel Allen signed as concurring witnesses to the same.

Wm. Clarendon. C. Cl.

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In the name of God Amen. I, Jonathan Watson in the County and province aforesaid being weak, of body, but of perfect mind and memory, praise be given to Almighty God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament, That is first and principally, I commit my soul to God who gave it, hoping that through the merits of the death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life; my body I commit to the earth to be buried according to the direction and discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

I will that all just debts and funeral charges be first paid. And that the plantation I now live on, and the mill, with three young mares of the breed of the horse Roger, is to be the property of Hannah Watson the daughter, of my brother, Joseph Watson. And that the residue of my estate be disposed of and divided between said Hannah Watson and her three sisters equally, named Hester Watson, Elizabeth Watson, Ann Watson, with the reservation of two negro women one named Samson and the other, Frank, to be the property of Joseph Watson as long as he lives, and to his wife after his death as long as she remains a widow, then equally to the children aforesaid.

And further I will that Ann Marshall shall have one Cow and calf, the Cow a black, with a white face, and to Mary Marshall a brown cow, with a yearling. And furthermore I order, and appoint my brother John Watson and Richard Playe, to be my sole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament, &c. Dated this thirty first day of August one