

New Hanover County
 January Term 1784

The annexed Power, of Attorney, and last Will of the late William White was exhibited in Court by Colonel Thomas Brown, (and the only evidence who was John Constable being dead) Mr. James Walker, being sworn deposed that he believed the name signed John Constable as an evidence to the said power, and will, was the proper hand writing of him the said John Constable, ordered to be registered.

Thos. McClaine. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Wilson of the County of _____ being infirm in body, but in perfect health, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in order, following, that is to say, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body, I recommend to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor; and touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will and bequeath in the following manner, and form.

I bequeath to Frederick Simpson my trusty friend all my real estate, viz, my plantation on which I now live containing one hundred acres of land, with the rest of my appurtenances. I also give and bequeath to my trusty friend Frederick Simpson all my moveable estate, viz, my household furniture, and plantation tools of all kinds, also my stock, of cattle, horses and hogs and sheep; together with all my debts and moveable affairs.

I likewise constitute, make and ordain Frederick Simpson the sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, till and in full, my lands and tenements, by him freely, to be possessed and enjoyed. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & annul all and every other former testaments and wills by me in any way before made, willed and bequeathed; ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th of April in the seventh year of our independence, 1783.

Signed, Sealed, published & pronounced by the said John Wilson as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence, and the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names.

John Wilson. Seal

Charles Simpson. Mary Simpson. Isaac Lamb,

April Term 1785

The within last Will and Testament of the late John Wilson was exhibited in Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Charles Simpson, and read that letters were agreeable to the said will.

Thos: Macclaind. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Williams of the County of New Hanover, being sick, and in very advanced age, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally, I commend my soul to God that gave it.

Secondly. I give, devise and dispose of all my temporal interest the same in the following manner, and form.

I give and bequeath to Francis my dearly beloved wife, all and everything that may be in my possession at my death, & also a certain Power of Attorney, which I have given to for a certain sum of money, to be collected from all, every one that may be found and by any claim whatsoever.

And I do hereby utterly, disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, will, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any wise before named; ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

I do further, consider my present wife to be young and not proper, to have the disposal of the said money whatsoever, herself, I do put the said monies whatsoever, in to the hands of my brother, Richard Williams for him to keep and distribute to my present wife at his discretion, and her needs as they may think best. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this ninth of May one thousand seven hundred eighty seven.

In presence of
Morris Ward. Henry Desebe.
Matthew Johnson

John Williams. Seal

I, John Williams do further, appoint in case of my brother, Richard Williams's death, that the said money or goods, shall be put into the hands of Daniel Sutherland to keep and distribute as he may think best, to my present wife Francis for her use and benefit entirely.

In witness hereunto
Morris Ward
Henry Desebe
Matthew Johnson

John Williams

New Hanover County }
 July Term 1787

The within last Will and Testament of
 the late John Williams was exhibited in Court, and proved
 in due form of law by Morris Ward esquire.

Thos. McClaine. Clk.

In the name of God Amen. I Mark Wood
 of the County of New Hanover, and State of North Carolina,
 being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God, tho'
 weak in body, yet of a sound and perfect understanding
 and memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament,
 and I desire it may be received by all as such.
 First. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker,
 beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it, through the
 all sufficient merits and mediation of my most compassi-
 onate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an aton-
 ement for my sins, and is able to save to the uttermost all that
 come unto God by him, as to my worldly estate I will &
 positively order, that all my debts be paid first.

I give to my dear and loving wife for the term of her wid-
 owhood, this house where I now dwell, with all the furniture
 and the lands and tenements that lie about it; and after
 the term of her widowhood to my only daughter Pamelia
 her heirs and assigns forever.

My other piece of land lying on Sandy Run, I desire that
 may be sold for paying debts and charges: then I leave
 to be divided equally between my wife and two daughters
 all my stock, goods and Chattels, which I now possess.

Then I leave my good friends and kind relations James
 Doty and James Hentzell, and do constitute them executors
 of this my last Will and Testament, and trustees for my wife
 and children. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal the eighth day of February in the year of
 our Lord 1788.

Witnesses

Thos. Ramsay. Jeremiah Hale }
 John Howard }

Mark Wood (Seal)

New Hanover County } The within last Will and Testament
 July Term 1788 } of Mark Wood was proved in due
 form of law by the oath of Thomas Ramsay

Thos. McClaine. Clk.