

Deat. 25th of December A.D. 1755.

James Hall for and
signed sealed & delivered in presence of us the undersigned
Jed. Gray Edm. Thurst. Daniel Thurst.
Westhampton County August Court 1755. The within written
Will of James Hall last deceased was exhibited into Court
and read in the face of Daniel Thurst one of the subscribing
Justices thereof at the same time. With which was gratified
in writing thereof which on motion was ordered to be signed
and recorded. Witnesses. J. Edwards 6th &

James Willard's Will

In the name of God amen. James Willard of the Province of North
Carolina & County of Northampton, thanks be to almighty God,
being in a bad State of Health but of sound Mind & disposing man
my & calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make
I ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. First
I bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it me & my
body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors my
worldly estate I give & bequeath as followeth.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Willard the
Plantation whereon I now dwell, containing two hundred
acres with all the appurtenances thereunto ^{belonging} & also my Plantation
known by the name of the Hogpen neck, containing four
hundred acres, be the same more or less, and also my Planta-
tion whereon my mother now dwells containing one hundred
acres ^{or thereabouts} as bequeath to me in my Father's will, also three
hundred acres of woodland joining the last mentioned
Plantation likewise my Plantation that formerly belonged
to Richard Mills containing one hundred & fifty acres that
I purchased of my Brother William Willard to him his heirs
& assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Willard
my Plantation ^{of mine} lying & being in the Province of North Carolina
in the late name of West, that my Brother William Willard,

purchased of James Megrath containing two hundred acres of land
be the same more or less & likewise that Plantation of mine contain-
ing one hundred & fifty acres of land more or less that my Brother
William Willard purchased of Barnaby Pope & also that or
Parcel of Land that I purchased myself of William Pratt for
near the said last mentioned Plantation containing sixty one
acres more or less to him his heirs & assigns forever.

I make my Will & Desire is that if my son William Lawmance Will-
ard die without issue or before he shall arrive at the at-
full & lawful age of twenty one year, that then I give & bequeath
unto my Brother Elias Willard the Plantation whereon I
now live & also the said Plantation known by the name of the
Hogpen neck containing four hundred acres more or less
to him his heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto William Roach that Plantation of mine lying
in the Province of South Carolina on the Walter's River joining of Wil-
liam Hunt's Land, containing three hundred acres, be the same more
or less to him his heirs & assigns forever. My Will & Desire is that if the
said William Roach die before he arrives at the full & lawful age
of age of twenty one or without issue, that then I give & bequeath the
said Plantation & three hundred acres of land more or less unto my
son William Lawmance Willard his heirs & assigns forever.
Likewise my Will & Desire is that if my son William Lawmance Willard
die without issue or before he shall arrive at the full & lawful
age of twenty one that then I give & bequeath the said Plantation that he
formerly belonged to Richard Mills that I purchased of my Brother
William Willard containing one hundred & fifty acres more
or less to my Brother Elias Willard his heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my son William Lawmance Willard my negro
fellow called Dick & Mungo Peter, Tom, also Cato Sampson Henderson
also my negro womenes Hager, Sarah, Ann, Sabraah & also
I then I make & also my negro boys Bot & Minet.

I make my Will & Desire is that my Mother Anne Willard should have
the labor & profits of the following negroes To wit, Sarah
Lucy & Peg & the young Child of Lucy during her natural life