

Day of December one thousand seven hundred and forty
Eight

John Brittle & Anna

Signed sealed published &宣读 in presence of us.

Randolph & A. Drow, Zachariah Edwards, John Edmunds,

Nantucket County St. Just of Court 1780.

We will declare by the oath of John Edmunds one of the
Subscribers being witness thereto & before Brittle & Edwards to witness
Qualifying as executors, ordered to be Certified & Recorded

Test. Joseph Atherton, C.C.

Lewis Williamson Will

In the name of God amen I Lewis Williamson of the County of N.
in the State of North Carolina being weak now but of sound &
disposing mind now to make this my last will & testament in man
of form following.

I give unto my living wife Priscilla Williamson during her
life six negroes to wit, Woodley Hancock Sam Lucy, Rastus
Jubal also, I give unto my loving wife a tract or parcel of
Land during her widowhood beginning at the little Path
by Hogwards then a long the Sd path to a white oak in a pond
then to the head of a branch which was the dividing line
between David Hyde & his Williamson then down the said branch
thru hundred yards as the South side Spring Branch then down
the Spring Branch to the Hic Creek then down the Sd Creek to the
big tree along his line to his corner then along James Williamson
line to Hic Creek then along Hic Creek line to the Road
then down the Sd Road to the first Station

Item I give thengrath unto my son Benjamin McLean Williamson all
my land on both sides of Potters Creek Containing by Esti-
mation two thousand eight hundred acres by the same more
or less, also the following negroes to wit, Anthony White, Arthur
Molato, Jack Lidea, Davy, Toney, Jubb, Henry, Slavy, the
wives Fanny, Isom, Issac, Abigail & Ned Fanny
Daughters of Paul Brown, also half of the slave King
Harris our boy born right full, also one half of the Hockhorns

Black Castle Shipe Hogs, three feather beds & furniture or
any other part of my household furniture or any other Plan-
tation utensils that my beloved wife thinks she can best spare
also a tract of Land in Warren County adjoining Frances
Rounton also a parcel of land in Halifax County known by
Tucker Harris Sailor & Perrys containing four hundred
Acres more or less before this Wills signature forever but
it is my will & given that my son should not receive his
Estate until he comes to the age of twenty one years or more

Item I give unto my Daughter Priscilla Williamson all my Lands
below the Roanoke River from William Eaton's Ferry
to Hinsford also Simmagrass tract, Hall's Creek Millsey
Island, also Charlott to her heirs forever also one half
their bed of furniture.

Item I give to my Daughter Rebecca Williamson one tract or
parcel of land beginning on the River where Gilliams line
crosses the Rd Road then along the Road to Eaton's line then
by Eaton's line King Hyde Johnson's Gilliams to the first
Station also six negroes to wit, Bush, French, Melby, Sally
Jim Robin also one feather bed & furniture to her heirs
forever.

Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Williamson a tract or
parcel of land lying in Halifax County on both sides
of Great Creek beginning at Jackson line where the mill
path Congress it runs east to the law grounds up the law
Grounds to the lower part of the land that the mill stands
on then a straight line to the mouth of a branch
that Henry Dawson laid out then up the branch to Kure
cherry Ferry on the Road, then down the road to the
fork then along Marshall & Willis line to Great Creek
then up the said creek to Alston & Jackson line to the
first station also seven negroes to wit, Billy, Sally
Staney, Abram, Ephraim, Portroyal, old Pittie also
one feather bed of furniture to her heirs forever

Item I give unto my Daughter Martha Weston a tract or

parcel of Land in Halifax County on both sides of Great Creek begining where the mill path crosses Jacksons line then East to the saw ground & then up the saw ground to the lower part of the Creek that the mill stands on then a straight line to the mouth of a branch that Henry Dawson lies in then up the sd branch to Punchem's Ferry, in the road then down the rd to the fork then along Marshall's line to Hamblin's line, then ^{along} ~~across~~ to Gilliam's ~~new~~ corner & doth then along his line to Great Creek down the Creek to the bridge there to Hides corner then along his line to the mouth of Pinetree Creek, then up the Creek opposite to the Jackson's corner field fence, then by a line of marked trees made by the said Jackson & Williamson's son along the river bend to the first station also six negroes to wit Bob, Bill, Phillip, Silas, Davy the blacksmith, Jude, Del, Jac, Judith & Dick also one feather bed & furniture to her other heirs forever.

Item I give unto my living wife my Living man to her or assigns forever. It is my will & desire that each of my Daughters receive their Estate at the age of twenty one or marry.

Item I give unto my Daughter Martha Williamson a tract of Land in Halifax County joining the land of Good, Roger Hyde & others containing one hundred acres more or less to her heirs forever.

Item It is my will & desire that if either of my Daughters Priscilla Williamson or Rebecca Williamson die before they marry or attain to the age of twenty one years that their personal Estate be equally divided among my other children share & share alike; also if either of my Daughters Sally Williamson or Martha Williamson should die before they marry or come to the age of twenty one years that my living wife should keep in her possession their or either of their personal Estate during her widowhood & after marriage or death to be equally divided & among the surviving children share & share alike.

Item It is also my will & desire that my living wife during her widowhood have the profits of my whole Estate to support her self & raise & educate my children & should there be more than is sufficient that the surplus be equally divided among my children share & share alike. It is my will & desire that each of my daughters attaining to the age of twenty one years or marrying receive the one fifth part of the stock of all the stock of hetherto also it is my will & desire that my living wife may give my daughter as they marry or attain to the age of twenty one years any part of my Household & kitchen furniture as she can best spare.

Item I leave unto my living wife all my Household & Kitchen furniture & Plantation utensils during her widowhood & no longer also it is my will & desire that my Executors hereafter mentioned collect two thousand pounds Virginia money & put it into the hand of James Williamson & that the said James Williamson put the same in a Stock in Trade for the use & benefit of my son Benjamin Holden Williamson.

Item It is my will & desire that my executors hereafter seen be bid to treat my Negroes free below in the same manner I have hitherto done giving him all the liberty the law allows.

Item I hereby constate & appoint my living wife Priscilla Williamson Executrix & my friend Mrs Williamson, Allen Jones, Sam'l Holden, Davy Shadewater, James Williamson & my son George Holden Williamson executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking another in writing purposed I have signed & affixed my seal this 1st day of June anno Domini 1780.

Signed sealed & established to ^{be} ~~to be~~ in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{testament} ^{testament} of Lewis Williamson & as aforesaid
Testament Sam'l Holden, John Jackson, Sam'l Williamson, John Maynard

John King, Burd, Gilliams, Hampton County 1st Dept Court 1780
This will of Lewis Williamson was proven by the death of Sam'l Holden
James Williamson & Burdill Gilliams then of the subscribering witnesses
Burd & Sam'l Holden & James Williamson Executing Executors
Ordered to be certified & recorded 1st Jly 1780 C.R.