

years & log chains & two horses of their choice of mine after my wife provided nevertheless that if the child that my wife is now great with, shall be a son shall have equal share of the land & waggon & 2 two horses & log chain with his brothers, my children shall continue with my wife until the sons are seventeen years of age at which age they shall go to trade if any of my son will learn the pottery trade shall have all my tools & necessaries for the potters business & also all my Glazing - Item I give & bequeath unto my two daughters Anna Maria, & Barbara each a bed & furniture & a cow, Item I give & bequeath to my Nephew Benedict Mull five pounds & a bed and furniture my blue coat & cordray Jacket & breeches & a great bible And provided that the child my wife is now great with, be a daughter I give & bequeath unto her five pounds & a cow but if a son ten pounds & share of land as above mentioned, the remainder of my goods shall be sold at public vendue & the surplus of my estate after each of my children is furnished with apparel book shall be equally divided among my wife & children each to have share alike And I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved wife Barbara & Jacob Dawalt executors of this my last will & test: & I hereby make void all former wills In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 14 Novbr. 1789.

Witness present

Robert Linn

Jacob Benz

Bastian Lenz

Henry Wenzel

In the name of God Amen! The 3 Day of Novbr. 1789.
I Matthew Woods of Rowan County State of N Carolina being sick in body but of good & perfect memory, calling to remembrance the uncertainty estate of this transitory life & that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call I do make & declare this my last will & testament in manner & form following.

1/ I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Woods my dwelling house, plantation farming utensils stock and grain for the use of her self & my family while she remains my widow likewise my share of the mill & if any of the children take to away of living for themselves I allow them a sixth part of the mill & sheep & a part of the household furniture left to the direction of their mother to give as she sees fit -

2/ I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Samuel Woods my young horse called Short to be used on the plantation as the rest of my horses till he Samuel Woods doth come of age.

3/ Likewise my hatters Kettle I give & bequeath unto my dearly beloved sons Samuel & Israel Woods with a provide that the should both incline to follow the trade & if only one of them should incline to go, I allow him to have twenty dollars less than each one my children out of the other part of my estate & the Kettle to be his own property, Farther my will is that the whole plantation shall be in my wife's possession until my son Samuel Woods comes of age and if he

inclines to live upon it, let it be valued & the one half go to the rest of the children & at my wife's death in case the children does not see cause to live together on this place, I allow it to be sold & all the stock then in being with all the plantation utensils excepting the household furniture & the same to be divided equally amongst the children & my son Israel and Rebecca my daughter to have ten pounds more than the rest & if any of them has taken to away too themselves I only allow them a share of the price of the land, also I do not allow my son Samuel a share in any of my horses but the one I have willed to him & after my wife's death I allow my estate share of the will to go to any of my children that has not taken to away of living for themselves, & if my wife should die before my son Israel should come of age I do not allow my plantation to be sold until he comes to be twenty one years old; And I hereby make & appoint my beloved wife Rebecca Wood & my loving step son John McLean my full & whole executors of this my last will & test. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 3. Day Novbr: 1800

Signed, sealed, published & pronounced in the presence of

John Barkley

Samuel Barkley Junior.

Matthew Woods

In the name of God Amen! I Thomas Willis of the County of Rowan & State of N Carolina being in a low State of health but thanks be to God of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind the frailty of human nature not knowing how soon it may please God to call me out of this world. I do think fit to make this my last will & testament & in the first place I give & bequeath my soul to God & my body to be buried in a christian decent manner according to the custom of the country at the discretion of my executors hereafter named the expence to be paid by them out of my worldly effects.

Secondly I will that all my just & lawfull debts be paid & as for what worldly effects it has pleased God to bestow upon me I give & bequeath in the following manner that is to say in the first place I give & bequeath to my beloved wife named Willis one hundred acres of land adjoining my son Thomas Willis line to be laid off, so as to contain my old & new buildings & cattle cultivated land belonging to the part I myself cultivated, together with my stock of horses, cattle & hogs farming utensils & household furniture that is not otherwise sold of by this will, to be by her disposed of in what manner she may think fit in the second place I give to my son George one hundred acres of land adjoining the line of Wm Denham & Willis Ellises Deced line. including his buildings & improvements. In the third place I will & bequeath to my son Thomas Willis one hundred acres of land already laid out for him & a title made to him by me to be his equal share with the rest. Fourthly I give & bequeath