

Bowman & Cast
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William Davis

North Carolina Swain County Aug^t Court 1777

John Howard & Bowman Cast Two of the Subscribing Witnesses
To the Within Last will & Testament of William Roberts
made oath that they saw the said William Roberts Publish
& Declare the same to be his Last will & Testament that
he was of sound disposing mind & memory & that at the
same time they saw William Davis sign the same as
Witness and on motion it was ordered to be Recorded

Recorded Accordingly J^o Williams Secy

In the name of God Amen

The Eleventh Day of June in the year of our Lord Christ
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six I Ralph
Hudspeth of the County of Swain and Province of North
Carolina being of perfect mind & memory thanks be unto
God calling unto 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 & Testament that is
to say. That I Give and recommend my Soul into the
Hands of Almighty God that Gave it. And my Body
to be Buried in Christian like manner, all that Discretion
of My Executors hereafter. Vowed not Doubting but
at the Resurrection I shall Receive the same by the
mighty

Mighty power of God. And as to my worldly Estate I dispose
of them in the following manner.

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son Ralph A Negro woman
named Agg the same I lent to him some time ago to him and
his Heirs forever —

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my son Carter a negroe man
named Bob the same that he has had in Possession
some time to him and his Heirs forever —

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my son Giles a negroe man named
Dick that he has now in Possession to him and his heirs forever

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Margrate More Ten
Shillings Proclamations Money —

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son David all that Tract of Land
whereon I now live to take Possession thereof after the Marriage
or Decease of his mother To him and his heirs forever notwithstanding
if my Son David should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty
one years or without a Lawfull Heir of his Body then and in
that case it is my desire that the said Land should be sold
and the money arising therefrom to be Equally divided between
the surviving Children that I have by my wife Catharine.

Item. I Also Give and bequeath to my Son David Thirty pounds
proclamations money —

Item. I Leave to my beloved Wife Catharine the Land & plantations
whereon I now live also the following Negroes (to wit) Flood Nudd
Nam Jenny & Young Nam together with all my Stock and
House hold Furnitures (during her natural life (or widowhood)
and after her Decease or Marriage I Give & Bequeath the
aforesaid Negroes (to wit) Flood, Nudd, Nam, Jenny, &
Young Nam together with their increase also all my Stock

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named Rob ~~the same~~ the same that he has had in Possession
some time to him and his Heirs forever —

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Son Jiles A neg^rs man named
(Dick) that he has now in Possession to him and his heirs forever

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Nine Ten
Shillings Proclamations Money —

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son David all that Tract of Land
whereon I now live to take Possession thereof after the Marriage
or Decease of his Mother To him and his heirs forever notwithstanding
if my Son (David) should die before he arrives to the age of Twenty
one years or without a Lawfull Heir of his Body then and in
that case it is my Desire that the said Land should be sold
and the money arising therefrom to be Equally divided between
the surviving Children that I have by my wife Catharine.

Item. I Also Give and bequeath to my Son David Thirty pounds
proclamations money —

Item. I Give to my beloved Wife Catharine the Land & plantation
whereon I now live also the following Negroes (to wit) Flood Nudd
Nan, Jenny & Young Nan together with all my Stock and
House hold Furniture (during her natural life (or Widowhood)
and after her Decease or Marriage I Give & Bequeath the
aforesaid Negroes (to wit) Flood, Nudd, Nan, Jenny, &
Young Nan, together with their Increase also all my Stock
& house hold furniture to my following Children
(to wit)

(to wit) George Hudspeth, His Hudspeth, John Hudspeth,
(David) Hudspeth, Hannah McLean, Mary Blalock,
Martha Woldridge & Lucy Woldridge to be Equally divided
 between them. them and their Heirs forever.

Item. I Give & Bequeath to my Son Jos. Hudspeth Ten
 Shillings proclamation money.

Lastly. I do appoint my beloved ^{Catharine} Wife Executrix & George
Hudspeth & John Hudspeth Executors of this my Last Will
 and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
 Set my Hand & Affixed my Seal the Day & Date above
 Written.

Signed Read & Acknowledged } Ralph R. Hudspeth ^{his}
 In the presence of } mark

Tho. Johnson

Jos. Williams

Thomas Johnson Junr.

North Carolina (Sunny County). Nov: Court 1777
Joseph Williams one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within
 Last Will & Testament of Ralph R. Hudspeth made oath
 that he saw the said Ralph Hudspeth publish & Declare
 the same to be his Last Will & Testament that he was
 of sound disposing mind & memory and that at the same
 time he saw Tho: Johnson & Thomas Johnson Junr. sign
 the same as Witnesses (and on motion it was ordered to be
 Recorded.)

Recorded & Recorded by Jos. Williams Clerk