

WILL OF

JOHN WILLIAMS

In the Name of God I John Williams of Saint Marks parish and Province of South Carolina planter being sound and disposing mind & memory do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament in Vanner & form following Viz: I commit my soul to the mercy of Almighty God trusting in the merits of my blessed Redeemer any body to be entered at the discretion of my Executrix herein after Named I will that all my debts & funeral charges be paid & discharged by my said said Executrix to discharge said debts, I will the following Negroes to be sold viz: Jin. Anis. Claris. Sal. J Eyre, also I give & bequeath unto my two sons Rowland John, and William all Tract or Tracts plantation or parcels of Land that I now reside on situate on the High hills of Santee to be equally divided between them as soon as the Eldest son Rolan John arrives at the age of Twenty one years with appurtenances thereunto belonging to my said sons Rowland John & William their heirs & assigns forever to be divided as above Mentioned. Reserving the third part of the above said Tract Plantation or Parcel of Land to my Loving Wife during her natural life also I lend unto my said loving Wife during her said lifetime the following Slaves viz: George Winney & Isaac & her decesse to be divided amongst all my Children Viz: sons Rowland John & William, Daughters Betsey, Polly, Anne Sally & Peggy, Also I will that my Youngest son William be bound to a trade becoming his disposition and my eldest son Rowland John be at his Mothers direction during her Widowhood but in case of her marrying to be put to a trade according to his Constitution & disposition also I will & bequeath Whatever is recovered by a suit now depending or perhaps determined in Chancery in the Province of North Carolina may be equally divided among my said Children allowing my said Wife a Childs

part or portion of the same to be laid out in purchasing slaves
& putting the said said slaves into the Gen. Stock for the use
& benefit of my Children as above Mentioned also I will that
all my Estate both real & personal & every part thereof when a
Divison is required as herein directed be equally divided a-
mongst my said Children at the Discretion of two or three
reputable honest Neighbors my two sons above Named to have their
part at the age of Twenty one years my S. Daughters above Named
to have their part or portion as each of them Marrieth that is
every one to have her portion or part according to the term of
her Marriage or if unmarried at the age of twenty one years &
also I will that my said wife ~~shall~~ ^d ~~shall~~ ^d improve the said
Estate during her widowhood ~~until~~ ^d divided & conferred as above
Directed for the use & benefit of all & ever one of my S.
Children but in case of my said Wife's Marriage then my said
Estate to be divided as above willed & directed. Lastly I do
Will & Constitute my S. Wife Mary Williams Executrix of this
my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I hereunto fix
my hand & seal date this eighteenth day of January in the year
of Our lord One Thousand seven hundred & Seven five.

Signed sealed published and Declared in Presence of

John Rogers }
Eulard Rees }
John Harvin }

John Williams (SEAL)

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