

written at August Sepm 1785 and ordered to be recorded

## Thomas Dillards Will

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Dillard of the county of Washington in the State of North Carolina do make and declare this my last will and testament -  
First I give to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood the whole of my Negroes except those given by bequest but in case of her Marriage - that the half of 8 Negroes immediately descend and be divided amongst my Children here named to be - William Wencesopher Maryann Thomas Mary Martha & Lucy John and Rebecca and the other part with all the Stock or moveables at my said wifes death to be divided equally amongst the aforesaid Children 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the Accutings Negroe Susan with her increase the said Negroe I have just in her possession some years ago as also the stock and increase I let her have at the same time & do declare that is all I do intend for her to have of my estate - 3<sup>d</sup> I give & bequeath to my son Benja<sup>d</sup> Dillard Negroe Peter & also with the Virginia bond warrant for one thousand Acres of land which I have already delivered to my said son with the Negroes aforesaid and do declare that to be all that I do intend for him of my estate of land 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Wencesopher a Negroe called Little Abe and one called Spence 5<sup>th</sup> I give & bequeath to my daughter Maryann two Negroes Hannah & Pot the son of Negro Rose 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Negroe Ben and Abby 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Negroe Lucy and Simon 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Negroes James & Kate 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Negroes Jack and Ben

# Thomas Dillard's Will

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Major Dillard and James  
 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Major Dillard and Lamey  
 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my two sons Thomas and John all the lands I have a right to to be  
 really divided between them the said Thomas and John to them their heirs and assigns but  
 with this my executors and are hereby empowered to sell and convey the said lands to any  
 man who shall be willing to buy the same and the same to convey in fee simple to the  
 person or persons they shall judge it advantageous to my said sons during their minority  
 and the money arising therefrom to be paid into the hands of any bank of America they shall judge  
 best for the benefit of the said Thomas and John & I have their heirs and assigns and further my  
 will is that my younger children with their legacies be kept supported and maintained and their  
 children schools by an expense the same as the <sup>the two</sup> ~~legacies~~ <sup>legacies</sup> till they arrive to  
 full age or marry and my further will is that each of my said children be after home  
 when they arrive to full age or marry be furnished by my executors with a horse saddle bridle feather bed  
 and furniture the whole to be worth twenty pounds but no more in any case or in case of failure to  
 be paid and have so much more than those that have been so furnished out of the division of the  
 part left with my wife at her death to my daughter Marianne Thomas John Mary Martha  
 Ann & Rebecca Dillard legates And I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Martha  
 Dillard and Peter son my son in law my only and sole executors of this my last will & testament  
 and I do hereby revoke and disannul all and every other former will & testament  
 be me in any way before this be made and I do satisfy and confirm this and no other to be  
 my last will and testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1784  
 Thomas Dillard (Seal)

When they arrive to full age as Maria be furnished by me with a new saddle bridle feather bed  
and furniture the whole to be worth twenty pounds but none more in case of failure to  
be paid and have so much more than those that have been so enriched but of the wisdom of this  
part left with my wife at her death, Lewis, Eliza, Nathaniel, Marston Thomas, John Stay, Martha  
Ann & Rebecca Dillard legates. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Martha  
Dillard and Robert Love my son in law my only and sole exors of this my last will & testament  
and I do hereby disavow and revoke and disannul all and every other former will & testament  
by me in any way before this be made and I do ratify and confirm this and no other to be  
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1784

Thos Dillard (Seal)

Signed Sealed ~~published~~ declared

in the presence of  
Edmond Sams  
John Sams  
John Webb

A Schedule is herewith annexed that Robert Love one of my  
exors is appointed as Guardian to my Children during their minority  
and also Manager of that part of the estate left with my wife  
My exors are empowered to sell any part of my estate to pay  
my last debts legacies excepted Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day

Thos Dillard (Seal)

of September 1784

Test Edmond Sams

John Webb

John Sams

The foregoing will was proven in Court by the Oaths of  
John Webb and John Sams two of the subscribing witnesses  
there to at  
Septemo 178 and ordered to be

Recorded