

William Carson Will

In the Name of God Amen

The thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord
One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety. William Carson of the County of Washington
in the State of North Carolina planter being very sick and weak in body but sound in
mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of My body and knowing that it is
appointed for all Men One to die do Make and Reveal This my last will and testament
That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands
of God who gave it to me and as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a
Christian like and decent Manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting
but at resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God —

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life
I give devise and dispose of in the manner and form following That is to say

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret one horse and saddle
one feather bed with covering likewise one half of the draper furniture and two cows but shall
be his voice of my whole stock and a decent support out of the land during her widowhood
I likewise I give to my eldest daughter Sarah one horse to the value of fifteen pounds with
one saddle and bridle one cow one feather bed with covering one fourth part of the draper
furniture and ten pounds besides —

And also I give to my second daughter Mary one
horse and saddle and one cow and one feather bed with covering one fourth part of the draper furniture
and ten pounds besides and I leave to her by my Mother on the land while of my
Marriage I desire that I request to her to retain ten pounds to be
lent to her for the support of the same — And the remainder of my estate
I give and bequeath to be divided by two equal parts among the children of
my wife

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one feather bed with covering 1/2 bed and one half of the draper furniture and two cows and three
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one saddle and bridle one cow one feather bed with covering one fourth part of the draper
furniture and ten pounds besides — I have I give to my second daughter Mary one
horse saddle and bridle one cow one feather bed with covering one fourth part of the draper furniture
and ten pounds besides and I have I give to her Mother on the land while of age or
Married — And within I request to the eldest son William Carson in pounds to be
bequeathed to him one fourth part of the estate — And the remainder of my estate
land and moveables to be divided by two independent men chosen by the executors and
qualified for that purpose and equally divided among my other three sons according
to the presentment till only reserving to my youngest son John out of the whole what
may be necessary to furnish him with a competency of crystem learning at the
discretion of my executors — And I have I have make and ordain David Carson
and John Strain as the sole executors of this my last will and testament —
And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other
former wills and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be
my last will and testament Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the
presence of —

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oath of
John Strain and David Carson & recorded at Mans
Sep 1790