

Will, NC, Johnston, Sarah Williams 1796

In the name of God, amen.

I **SARAH WILLIAMS**, of the county of Johnston in the state of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, and calling to mind the mortality of the body, that it is appointed for all flesh once to die, do this 28th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, make, publish, ratify, establish and ordain this and no other to be my Last Will & Testament, and

FIRST of all I recommend my soul to God who made it, nothing doubting, but I shall receive it again in the morning of the general resurrection, where soul and body will be reunited and my body to the dust to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors, hereinafter named and as touching my worldly estate that it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of in manner and form following, viz, that is to say.

FIRST my will is that all my just debts & funeral charges be satisfied and paid.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughters **SUSANNAH FELLOWS, ESTHER BLACKMAN** and **SARAH WILLIAMS** all my wearing (cloths) apparel to be equally divided amongst them, share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved son **ISAAC WILLIAMS** four Negroes, to wit: BUCK, WILL, ABRAM and ROSE and one half of the remaining part of my estate not heretofore mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my well beloved son **WILLIAM WILLIAMS** five Negroes, to wit: CHARLES, CUDGJO, HANNAH, SAUNEY & POMPEY and the other half of my estate not before given to him and his heirs forever.

And I do hereby make, constitute, appoint, establish and ordain my trusty and well beloved sons **ISAAC WILLIAMS** and **WILLIAM WILLIAMS** my executors of this my Last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

SARAH WILLIAMS {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said **SARAH WILLIAMS** in the presence of:

WILLIAM BRYAN
CHARITY BRYAN
JOHN BRYAN

Proven in November Court 1801
Recorded in Book No. 4 Page 67, **R. SANDERS**

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