

**Will Probate, NC, Wayne, WILLIAM WHITFIELD 1794 1795**

In the name of God Amen.

**WILLIAM WHITFIELD** of the county of Wayne and state of North Carolina being through the mercies of God of good and sound memory thanks be to God the weak in body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make an ordained this to be my last will and testament and desire that it may be received by all as such.

FIRST of all I give you my soul to God who gave it me and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executives and as to my worldly Goods or state that it has Been pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of it in the following manner.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **NEEDHAM WHITFIELD** one set of blacksmith tools and ten barrels of corn.

ITEM I also give unto my son **LEWIS WHITFIELD** one desk one mahogany table, one blue painted chair, one large Looking Glass, one Feather Bed & Furniture, one large pan of hand irons with brass knobs two brass candlesticks and Y large iron pot and hooks on iron pot Rach three rating rope three Flight Club one pair of tongues six Walnut chairs two red bottom stools one large Bible one common prayer book two Lector on the cat tacky GN one gallon of water is and summer and hymns.

ITEM I also give and bequeath unto my 3 daughters **ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, CHARITY SMITH** and **RACHEL BRYAN** five silver dollars each.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto the heirs of deceased daughter **SARAH GREEN** five silver dollars.

ITEM I also give and bequeath unto the heirs of my deceased daughter **MARY BRYAN** five silver dollars.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **FRUZAN WHITFIELD** as much corn and meat as will serve her the next season, five pounds of coffee, ten pounds of sugar, ten pounds of wool, sixty pounds of cotton, two bushels of salt, three sows and pigs, ten head of young hog and all the Negroes, stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and every other article that she was in possession of at the day that I was married to her, that is to say, every article that was hers and so became mine by the marriage contract, to her and her heirs and assigns forever. I also lend on to **FRUZAN WHITFIELD** during her widowhood, and no longer, all the following articles and that she have the use of them but not to sell, convey, or carry away from the plantation, here after lent to her to with my dwelling house and other outhouses, the orchard, the lower part of the plantation where on I now live divided by a line:

Beginning at the head of the Spring Branch and runs across the plantation South 15 degrees West; including two hundred acres of land lying eastward of the side line and Branch joining to the River and Coxe's branch.

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Two negro men named SAMSON and YORRICK, with full liberty to hire YORRICK out all or any part of the time, and one negro woman named DINAH provided she raise and support her increase to the age of seven years old for my heirs, but not to hire her out to any persons whatever, one Feather Bed & Furniture one horse chair, four cows and calves, four head of other cattle of different sizes, six black chair, two painted stools, one loom, 2 "slays" and harness, one oval table, one square pine table, one safe, one pair of and irons, one pot rack, two iron pots, the wooden ware belonging to the house, one cart and wheels, to plows, to weeding hoes, two axes, one skillet, one tea kettle, half a dozen silver spoons, one box iron, one pair of hand mittens, one riding chair, one table cloth, six knives and forks, and one quarter part of the glass and crockery ware in my house. I will and positively order that all the gifts that I have heretofore made or by this will with all the increase, privileges, conveyances, and advantages thereunto belonging, stand good and valid to all intents and purposes to each and every of my children and grandchildren to them their heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I will and positively order that all my debts be paid out of my money and the debts due to me and the remainder part of my estate to be equally divided between my four Sons **WILLIAM, BRYAN, NEEDHAM, and LEWIS WHITFIELD.**

ITEM I will and positively order that my four Negroes named TONEY, ROSE his wife, DICK and THANER his wife be set free after my death and that my four sons **WILLIAM, BRYAN, NEEDHAM, and LEWIS** keep them from being a parrish charge. I also lend to my two negro men TONEY and DICK, during their lifetime, one hundred and fifty acres of land, including my plantation on the north east in Duplin County, with three cows and calves, two sows and pigs, and mare or horse and as much corn and meat has will serve them for family consumption for one season.

ITEM and I do hereby appoint my two sons **NEEDHAM WHITFIELD and LEWIS WHITFIELD** executors to this my last will and testament and you give them full power and absolute authority to act in every respect way and manner as may be expedient or necessary for the executing the aforesaid will and testament and I do hereby make void disallow and revoke all other wills and Testaments heretofore made by me.

In witness whereof the said **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of September 1794.

**WILLIAM WHITFIELD** {seal}

Signed Sealed by the said **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** and acknowledged by him to be his last will and testament in the presence of us.

**BUCKNER KILLEBREW**  
**WILLIAM HERRING**  
**WILLIAM WILKINS** {his X mark}

Recorded April Court 1795

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An inventory of the estate of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** deceased taken the 16th of April 1795

Two Negroes TONEY and ROSE

[ inventory list]

Three Negros, TIM, PRISS & MARY to be deeded away

We do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument contains a just and true inventory of the estate of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, deceased, as far as has come to our knowledge.

**NEEDHAM WHITFIELD**  
**LEWIS WHITFIELD**

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An inventory of the estate of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** deceased.

July term 1795

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The estate of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** deceased in account current with the executors, 1796 April 9th.

**DEBITS**

To cash \$4 paid excise tax	£2.00.00
No. 2 \$5 paid <b>KEDAR BRYAN</b> his daughter <b>R. BRYAN</b> Legacy	£2.10.00
No. 3 \$5 paid <b>ELIZABETH</b> Campbell	£2.10.00
No. 4 \$5 paid <b>CHARITY SMITH</b>	£2.10.00
No. 5 \$5 paid <b>RACHEL BRYANT</b>	£2.10.00
No. 6 \$5 paid <b>JOSEPH GREEN</b> for the heirs of <b>SARAH GREENE</b>	£2.10.00
No. 7 paid taxes for the year 1794	£3.06.00
paid the clerk his fees	£0.14.00

<b>WILLIAM WHITFIELD</b> his equal part of the above balance	£11.01.10
<b>BRYAN WHITFIELD</b> his equal part of the above balance	£11.01.10
<b>NEEDHAM WHITFIELD</b> is equal part of the above balance	£11.01.10
<b>LEWIS WHITFIELD</b> his equal part of the above balance	£11.01.10
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	£62.17.04

**CREDITS**

April 9th by cash in hand in paper	£16.00.00
April 9th by cash in hand in paper \$40	£20.00.00
Received of <b>JOHN IVY</b>	£ 2.07.06
Received of <b>BRYAN WHITFIELD</b>	£24.09.10
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	£62.17.04

April 12th 1796 I do hereby certify that I am executor to the last will and testament of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD**, deceased, and have kept the vouchers of the above account in my hand **NEEDHAM WHITFIELD**

**LEWIS WHITFIELD**        }  
**NEEDHAM WHITFIELD** } executors

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The estate of **WILLIAM WHITFIELD** account current

**LEWIS WHITFIELD**

**NEEDHAM WHITFIELD** executors

Recorded April term 1796.

**W. WHITFIELD** estate