

**Will, NC, Lincoln, James Wilson 1794**

In the name of God, Amen.

This 9th day of November in the year of Our Lord 1795, I, **JAMES WILSON** of the state of North Carolina and the county of Lincoln, planter, being weak in body but if perfect sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die to make an ordained this my last will and testament that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST I give and recommend my soul to the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executives, nothing doubting, but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the Same Again by The Mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as God has been pleased to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and form.

FIRST I give and bequeath to **MARGARET** my wife a feather bed and Furniture, the dresser, together with all pewter iron pots copper kettles and all table and kitchen Furniture now belonging to the house.

Also a mulatto wench named FANN and a negro boy named BROSTA, a boy named CATO the young Sorrel mare the large still and all the household furniture that is not otherwise disposed of.

Also she is to possess and enjoy the east end of the house during her widowhood, and if she does not marry, then during her natural life. also all other things to her devised to hold and enjoy the same during her natural life then to be disposed of as she may think proper, provided it be to and among my children. And in case she should fail to make a full disposition and devise then the whole to be sold and equally divided among all my children.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter **JANE** a negro boy named JACK also a girl named PHILLY.

I give and bequeath to my son **JAMES WILSON** a young negro named AUGUST also a negro fellow and POMPY. I will and Order that my son **JAMES WILSON** and **JOHN WILSON** have equal property and claim in said negro and that his Services be equally divided between them.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY WILSON** a negro wench named DINAH.

Also I give and bequeath to my daughter **SARAH WILSON** a negro wench named JUDE.

I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARGARET WILSON** a negro fellow named PETER.

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law **DAVID PATTON** a bay mare ten head of horned cattle, a bed and furniture, together with a number of dresser years all which he now has in his own possession the same to hold and enjoy the same his heirs and assigns forever.

I given bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH WILSON** a negro boy named BEN.

Also I give and bequeath to my son **JOHN A. WILSON** a negro man named AUGUST and wench named NANY, a negro boy named DICK and a young fellow named PRINCE also the small still, to black mare and a bay horse.

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I also give and bequeath to my daughter **MARTHA WILSON** a mulatto girl named CATE also a young sorrel mare, and a bay mare, a feather bed and furniture, the neat cattle is to be divided between **JOHN** and **MARTHA** at the discretion of my executors. My books I allowed to be left with my wife and son **JOHN**, also the rest of my horses not disposed of I allow to remain on the plantation together with all the farming essentials now thereon.

I give and bequeath to my son-in-law **JOHN PATTEN** that tract of land which he now lives on containing three hundred and ten acres accepting thirty five acres which I have deeded away to my son-in-law **LEWIS HUNTER** where in place of the same I allow him the same quantity of land to be laid off to him of another tract of my land and shall run in the following manner:

Beginning on a white oak, his own corner and running with one of his lines, N 12 W 216 chains; then S 41 until it strikes **WARLICK's** line; thence with **WARLICK's** line to a Post Oak and then to the beginning.

Making up the quantity of 35 Acres land to him the said **JOHN PATTON** the same to be held and enjoyed by him his heirs and assigns forever provided that as there is a law suit now depending between the said **JOHN PATTON** and the representatives of **RICHARD JOHNSON** deceased. In which case part of the property of the said tract of land is disputed in case that it is determined by law against **JOHN PATTON** then I give him, the said **JOHN PATTON**, the balance of the said tract such as shall be clear of the claim of the representatives of **RICHARD JOHNSON** deceased together with one half and upper end of that tract of land on which **THOMAS WILSON** lives and including a mill shole on Potts Creek and to be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever. If the disputed land show be lost to him as law but not otherwise.

I give and bequeath to my daughter **ELIZABETH WILSON** three hundred acres as it now stands laid off by **DAVID RAMSEY** it being the lower end of the Maiden Meadow tract with a piece of another small tract thereon to be held and enjoyed by her and her heirs and assigns forever. If the lawsuit above referred to be determined in favor of **JOHN PATTON** than I allow him to hold land on which he now lives, as above-mentioned, and should any tract of land by me conveyed or devised to any of my children be lost to them by any prior claim then that tract of land lying west from **THOMAS WILSON** being the upper part, and one half of land on which he now lives, shall revert to the devisee losing, and in case no prior claim be set up nor prosecuted so as to effect the title or change the property of any lands by me devised to any of my heirs, then in that case I will and order that the said piece of land be sold ordered by my executor and that the money arising there from the equally divided between my daughters **SARAH** and **MARTHA** or if she would choose not to have it sold but to be divided then in that case I allow the same to be equally divided by my executive orders having respect to quantity and quality the same to be held and enjoyed by them their heirs and assigns forever.

I also will and order that if my son **JOHN A. WILSON** should die without any heirs than the negroes and horses belonging to him, my said son, be sold and equally divided among my daughters, but the Negroes not to be sold to any but my own children so as they shall not be removed out nor from my own family. Also all his land and I will and order shall be held and enjoyed by my son **JAMES WILSON** to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Also if any of my daughters die without being then their land and negro or negroes be sold and equally divided among all my children, provided also, that the negro shall not be ???.

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Also I give and bequeath to **LEWIS HUNTER** my son-in-law two small pieces of land and runs as follows:

Beginning at a hickory **JOSHUA WILSON's** corner than S 213 E 70 poles to a stake on the Maiden Meadow Line; then with said line S 75 W 44 poles a Spanish oak on the bank of Allen's Creek; then N 40 W 13 poles; then S 87 W 14 poles; S 54 W 20 polls; then S 60 W 30 poles to a white oak on the creek; thence N 30 W 44 poles to a stake on **JOSHUA WILSON's** line; then to the beginning.

containing 35 Acres

**JAMES WILSON** {seal, his X mark}

**JOHN BOYD**  
**CHRISTIAN BRANEMAN**  
**CUNRID GRUNHARDT ???**

Also the other:

Beginning at a Spanish oak on the bank of Allen's Creek and runs thence S 82 E 50 poles to a Spanish Oak then N 60 E 166 poles to a post oak on a line of the Maiden Meadow tract; thence with said line W 72 poles to account a corner of said tract with another line of said tract to the beginning.

the same concerning containing 34 acres and the said two pieces of land I will and order that they beheld and enjoyed buy him the said **LEWIS HUNTER** and his heirs and assigns forever

Provided also as there is a suit brought against me by **DAVID PATTON** of South Carolina and for the recovery of the Negro **PRINCE** which is by me willed to my son **JOHN A. WILSON** and should the said negro be recovered by a course of law, or should a compromise recommended by my counsel, or council's in either of the cases, I allow part of the money arising from the land which was sold lying in South Carolina, York County, by my order to be converted to the use of purchasing him or another Prime negro in his place to and for the use of him, my said son **JOHN A. WILSON** and any cost that may accrue by virtue of said suit to be discharged out of the money arising from the sale of the land aforesaid.

And the remaining part of the money arising from the sale of said land:

FIRST all my just debts to be paid out of it.

NEXT I will and order that **MARGARET**, my wife, get one hundred pounds and my granddaughter **MARGARET MCKYSICK** thirty pounds, then the balance of the money which shall be coming from the sale of said land to be equally divided between my two sons **JAMES** and **JOHN A. WILSON**.

Provided also if the lawsuit first mentioned be determined against **JOHN PATTON**, then that land as before mentioned being the west and upper part of the land on which **THOMAS WILSON** lives to be held and enjoyed by him the said **JOHN PATTON**.

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Also too small tracts of land lying on the head of Potts Creek I allowed to be sold either as public or private sale by my executor orders and the money arising from the sale of said lands to be equally divided between **JOHN PATTON** and my two daughters **SARAH** and **MARTHA**. Should the suit above referred to be determined against **JOHN PATTON** but not otherwise should lawsuit be determined in favor of him the said **PATTON** then in that case I allow the said to tracts of land last mentioned to be sold by my executors in the money be equally divided among all my daughters, each of them and equal share.

Also I will and order that my son **JAMES WILSON** receive and enjoy the money which is coming to him for that tract of land that I have deeded away to **JOHN BOYD**.

Provided also as there is part of the Maiden Meadow line runs through **DANIEL MCKYSICK** clear land I will in order that the same shall be held and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever, provided he makes a reasonable satisfaction to my son **JAMES** and if they cannot agree themselves about the value let it be valued by men.

And I to constitute an appointment **MARGARET WILSON**, my wife, **JAMES WILSON**, my son, and **DANIEL MCKYSICK**, my son-in-law, my sole executors of this my last will and testament.

And I also hear by publish and declare, ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year first above written signed sealed and published and declared by him the same the said **JAMES WILSON** to be his last will and testament in presence of us.

**JAMES WILSON** {seal, his X mark}

**CHRISTIAN BRANEMAN**  
**CUNRID GRUNHARDT ???**  
**JOHN BOYD**