

**GATES CO NC WILLS 1779-1807 ALMARY**

**WILLIAM FREEMAN: Dated-17 April 1781; Proved-August court 1781.**

**First I give and bequeath to my well beloved Sun JOHN FREEMAN, Two Negro Slaves named Luce and Barry to him and his Heirs forever.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Grandsun WILLIAM FREEMAN, Son of JOSHUA, one Negro Boy named Ruffin.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun MOSES FREEMAN one Negro Boy named Abraham.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun KING FREEMAN one Negro Boy named Dave.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun JAMES FREEMAN one negro man named Sam and my shop of Black smiths tools.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun WILLIAM FREEMAN two Negroes named Tom and Rose and my Brandy still &C**

**Item I Leave to my well beloved Daughter SARAH HAISE the use of a Negro Girl named Rose now in her possession, and the Plantation and Land whereon she now lives dureing her natoral Life and after her Death the said Plantation and land with the appertainances their unto belonging and the Negro Girl Rose and her Increase if any to be and remain the property of my GrandSun REUBIN HINTON. But in case my grandsun REUBIN HINTON should dye without any Lawful Heir of his Boddy my will and Desire is that the Land and negro with her Increas if any shall be Equally Divided among my other Children.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter SUSANNA SPRUIT one negro Boy named Crumil and one Riding Hors and side Saddle.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved grandsun WILLIAM PERRY one Negro Boy named Jacob.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun in law JOSIAH PERRY one good Feather bed and Furniture and two Cows and Calves.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter MARY WARD one negro woman named Mill and one negro girl named Cloe and two cows and calves and one good feather bed and furniture and that is her full share of my Estate.**

**Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Sun WILLIAM FREEMAN the Plantation and Lands thereunto belonging whereon I live with the appertinances thereon and my pine Land over the creek lying between GEORGE OUTLAW's line and JAMS SUMNER's line with the appertinances thereunto belonging it being the Land I Bought of GEORGE OUTLAW. I say to him and his Heirs forever.**

**Item my will and Desire is that at my Death what Ready money is in the house be then Equally Divided among my Six Suns together with what money is lent out.**

**Item my will and Desire is that my Loving wife CHRISTAN FREEMAN have the use of all my Estate Except the money Dureing her natural life or widdohood and at her death or marriage to be equally divided among my six Suns, after all my debts and Legaces be paid. Except my stock of Cattle and Hogs and that to be Equally Devided between my two youngest suns, JAMES FREEMAN and WILLIAM FREEMAN.**

**Lastly I nominate and appoint my Sun JAMES FREEMAN and my Sun WILLIAM FREEMAN and my friend JAMES SUMNER Executors of this my last will and**

**Testament. And I do hereby Disanull, Revoke and Distroy all and every other will or wills by me made. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and fixt my seal this Seventeenth day of Aprill in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and One 1781. WILLIAM FREEMAN (seal)**

**Signed and Seald by the testator Published and Declared to be and Contain his last will and Testament in the Presents of us the Subscribers who have witnessed the same at his Request.**

**LAMUEL (his + mark) TAYLOR, Jurat, NATHANIEL TAYLOR, CHRISTIAN (her + mark) OUTLAW.**

**August court 1781: exhibited by JAMES FREEMAN & WILLIAM FREEMAN, executors; proved by the oath of LEMUEL TAYLOR.**