

and the Thomas Williams of sound mind and memory and mindful of the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, revoking hereby all other heretofore made. First, I leave all my just debts to be paid by the proceeds of the Crops now on hand the Crops in Cultivation and such part of my perishable estate, not hereafter specifically devised, given and bequeathed unto my beloved Wife Frances the trust of Land which I now live lying on Swathes Creek Composed of the several parcels of Land bought of May, Threlkett, and Mullins during her natural life only. I also lend to my ^{wife} during her natural life only the following Slave touch, Iphs. Phoebe Dick, Franking, Dollie, and Sarah. I also give to my Wife to dispose of as she pleases twenty head of Cattle, ten sheep, thirty head of hogs, three horses touch, Cartay, a mare called Mangy, and her choice of the Cobs got by Plantain as much provisions as will plentifully maintain herself and family stock until she can make a sight. I also give to her all my household and kitchen furniture except such as may be hereafter expressly given to some other legatee and a mixing of the plantation tools and fowls of every kind as she may think proper. I do will and devise ^{that my said} Robert and my ^{son} daughters Sally and Peggy may live with their mother as long as she may think proper and if at any time she shall desire that Robert should be separate and apart from

may live with their mother as long as she may think proper and if
at any time she should desire that Robert should leave her and go
elsewhere. In that case I do direct that the above tract given to my wife for
life may be divided by a line drawn from a point on Twittier Creek near
the Big Log, so as to divide the spring now used by my family and from thence
to the Court road so as to divide the said tract into two equal parts. Robert is
then to take immediate possession of the northern moiety and my wife
will retain in her possession the southern moiety only. With regard to the
spring my meaning is that they shall equally enjoy the benefit and use of it
however it may hereafter change its course or situation. After the death
of my wife I give to my son Robert the whole of the tract of land first given to my
wife for life to him and to his heirs forever and in case my two daughters
Sally and Peggy should outlive their mother and remain unmarried, it is
my will and desire that they live with my son Robert and work their hands
jointly with his: both of them or either of them should disagree with and
cannot live in harmony with my said son Robert, it is my will & desire
that they may live in that moiety already assigned my wife, in case she
should not choose to live with Robert and use and enjoy the same as long as
they remain unmarried and not longer. I also give to my son Robert a
negro man named Isaac and four acres of land to him and to his heirs forever.

will retain in her possession the brother's money only. With regard to the
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however it may hereafter change its course or situation. After the death
of my wife I give to my son Robert the whole of the tract of land first given to my
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my will and desire that they live with my son Robert and work their hands
jointly with him: but if they or either of them should disagree with and
cannot live in harmony with my said son Robert, it is my will & desire
that they may live in that moiety already assigned my wife, in case she
should not choose to live with Robert and use and enjoy the same as long as
they remain unmarried and not longer. I also give to my son Robert a
negro man named Isaac and four oxen to him and to his heirs forever.
I also give to my daughter Sally one negro woman named Betty her male child
John and her female child Abby, a negro boy named James one feather bed
and furniture a cow and calf and four sheep to her and to her heirs forever.
I also give to my daughter Peggy one negro woman named Betty a negro boy
named Major a horse named Betty & a negro boy named Clem, one feather bed
and furniture a cow and calf and furniture to her and to her heirs forever.

4 I stand to my daughter Molly Shelton during the joint lives of herself and her husband
we have and a tract of Land of the house farm tract beginning on Brooks line and
running parallel with McBargo's line to my back line, making the piece of
one hundred acres of equal width, I also lend to my said daughter Shelton my
Slave Kate and a Girl named Judy during the joint lives of herself and her husband
and after their death, I will and devise the said one hundred acres of Land to
be sold, and the money arising therefrom together with the said two Slaves Kate
and Judy and their increase to be equally divided among my said daughters
Children. It is my will and devise ^{that the residue} of my house farm tract of Land to be equally divided
between my three sons Jeremiah, Matthew, and Martin and their heirs having
regard in the division to quality as well as quantity - and I will and devise the
division to be so made that the plantation on which Mathews lives may have
a due proportion of adjoining land, and that the plantation on which Martin lives
may have a due proportion of adjoining land, and ^{that} the residue of the tract, may
appertain and go with the mill and ^{that} in the division the value of mill shall not
be estimated. After this division is made it is my Will that Matthew shall be
entitled to that allotment on which he now lives, that Martin shall be entitled
to that allotment on which he lives, and that Jeremiah shall be entitled to the
residue with the mill to them and their heirs forever. I do lend to my
daughter Molly Shelton during the joint lives of herself and her husband a negro girl named

residue with the mill to them and their heirs forever — I do lend to my
daughters Collier during the joint lives of herself and husband a negro girl named
Betty, a negro girl named Polly and a negro girl named Mary and after their
deaths to be equally divided among my said daughters Children —
I do lend to my daughter Marcy Collins a negro woman named Lucy and a girl
named Hannah during her natural life only and after her death to be equally
divided among her Children — I do give to my son Master a negro man named
Sam, a negro woman named Bob, a negro woman named Anne, a negro girl
named Dilsey to him and to his heirs forever — I do give to my son Jeremiah
a negro girl named Quaker and four sheep to him and to his heirs forever —
I do give to my son Matthew a negro woman named Lucy and a negro boy named
Ancher to him and to his heirs forever — After the Death of my wife Anne and
desire that out of the negroes left to her for life and then increase my daughter
Shelton have one other negro, my daughter Collier one other negro, and my daughter
Collins two other negroes, the two first during the joint lives of themselves and
husbands and my daughter Collins during her own life only, and after their
deaths to be divided among their Children as is before directed in devise to them
and the residue of the said negroes left to my wife for life except Sarah I will
and desire to be equally divided among my five daughters so that my daugh-
ters Shelton, Collins, & Collins shall have no greater estate in them than is

divided among her Children — I do give to my son Matthew a negro man named
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named Dilsey to him and to his heirs forever — I do give to my son Jeremiah
a negro girl named Quaker and four sheep to him and to his heirs forever —
I do give to my son Matthew a negro woman named Lucy and a negro boy named
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hters Shelton, Collins, & Collins shall have no greater estate in them than is
before directed in devises to them And it is my Will and desire that my daughter
Shelton, Collins and Collins shall have Choice of the four first devised to them in this
Clause — I will and direct that after the death of my Wife, my negro woman Sarah
be liberated from any service except what she may voluntarily undertake and I
herby direct and request that the same be done.

may choose freely meaning and intending that she is not to go at large, but to
remain with my estate she may choose at her discretion. Use the unity
my property both real and personal I desire may be sold and my debts due to
me to be collected and the monies applied to the discharge of my just debts, and
if there with the Crop on hand and Crop growing shall not be sufficient to pay
all my debts, I do direct that the whole of my estate both real and personal
may be kept together until by the Crop the whole of my debts shall be fully
discharged and should it be necessary to keep my Estate together I wish and
direct during that time my wife and two single daughters may have a com-
fortable maintenance. It is my will and desire that wherever I have given

female negro, the ~~fit~~ ~~same~~ ~~from~~ this date shall be considered in part of
the gift and ~~from~~ the same ~~be~~ ~~as~~ the gift. Lastly I do will and desire that
the residue of my property both real and personal be equally divided among all
my children, and I do hereby appoint my son Jeremiah Williams and Robert

William Executors of this my last will and testament. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal in presence of the subscribing
Witnesses, who subscribed their names as witnesses in my presence this twentieth
day of April one thousand eight hundred and three.

James of W. M. Watkins, James
his
William X. Williams, junr. }
James Williams L. J.

Witnesses, who subscribed their names as witnesses in my presence this twentieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and three.

presence of W. M. Watkins, Farmer

• Hillings ^{hus-} James Hillings junr. }

Thomas Williams L.S.

At a Court held for Chas. Co. the 6th day of June 1853.

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Withers deceased was presented in Court by Amosiah Withers one of the Executors herein named, and the same was proved by the oath of Withers, M. Withers, James Mullins, and James Mullins and the ~~testament~~ witness thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Thomas Read the

At a Court held for the said County the 3^d day of October 1803.

In the matters of Frederick Williams and Robert Williams the execution herein named who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form they giving security whereupon they with Charley Daniel, Collier Catehrow, John Roberts and Williams confirm their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose.

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Truly Respected

Thomas Read. *Wm*