

In the Name of God Amen. John Williams of Halifax County, being of sound
mind, & health of body, but sensible of the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make this
following, my last Will & Testament (Viz:) In the first place, I commit my Soul to
God hoping for a joyful resurrection through the merits of our blessed Saviour Jesus
Christ - I desire that my body be decently interred by my Executors hereafter to be named. I
bequeath to my beloved wife Diana Williams during her natural life, one half of the land of
which I shall die possessed, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, also the following
Slaves (Viz:) David, Lab, Sam, Venus, Caroline, Daniel, Rose, Diana, Chaborn and
Matilda & their increase, also I give to my beloved wife Diana and her heirs forever, all
my stock of Cattle, horses, hogs & Sheep to be disposed off at her death, as she may think
proper, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, except such as shall hereafter
be otherwise devised. I give to my Son William Williams & his heirs forever, the following Slaves
(Viz:) Dick Sam (now in his possession) & Bilt with their Increase - I also give to my
said Son William and his heirs forever, at the death of my wife, the following (Viz:) Venus & her child Chaborn & their Increase. I give to Grand-Son John R. Williams
and his heirs forever, the following Slaves (Viz:) Anthony & Charles - also I give to my said
Grandson at the death of my wife, the negro Slave Sam that I have lent him - Should my
said Grandson die before he comes of age or marries - I desire that the Slaves hereby devised

said Grandson die before he comes of age or marries - I desire that the Slaves hereby devised
him be equally divided among all my children or their heirs - I send to my friend Joseph
Ligon a negro woman slave Dibley (which he has in possession) and her increase until my
Grand children Marston Ligon, Elizabeth Ligon, & an infant daughter children of my
Grand daughter Diana Ligon Dec'd shall either of them come age or marry then the said Slave and
her increase to be equally divided between my said Great Grand children & the Survivors of them.
I send to my daughter Sarah Terry during her natural life, the following Slaves (viz) Isaac, Lucy,
Henry, Franky together with Dick & Daniel (which she has now in possession) and their Increase, at
the death of my said Daughter Sarah, I give to her three children by her first marriage & their heirs
forever the following Slaves (sent her & viz.) Dick & Daniel - all the rest of the Slaves sent my said
Daughter, I give at her death to be equally divided among the children which she has, or may hereafter
have, by her second husband Joseph Terry, and their heirs forever together with their Increase. I give
to my Daughter Fanny Camp & her heirs forever the following Slaves (viz.) Mary, Betty, in
her possession now, - also Hester & George with their increase forever. At the death of my
wife to my said Daughter one other negro girl Rose & her increase to her & her heirs forever -
I give to my Daughter Ann Williams & her heirs forever the following Slaves (viz.) James,
Willb, Patsy, Betty, & Peter with their increase & at the death of my wife the following
(viz.) David, Sel, & Matilda with their Increase to her & her heirs forever. I give to my
son Solomon Williams and his heirs forever one half of the lands of which I may die