

In the name of God Amen I the said John Williams being sick and weak in body yett in perfect memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say, first I bequeath my soul and spirit into the hands of almighty God my heavenly Father, by whom of his mercy and only grace I hope to be saved and brought into eternal life my body in hope of a joyful resurrection commit to the earth to be buried with such burial as in such place as my dear wife shall think good as touching the distribution of my mortal goods I dispose of the same as followeth

I give I will that all my debts be truly paid

I do give unto my son Thomas alias called by my: and the sixth part of my cattle I do give unto my daughter Elizabeth, one I look to be with the sixth part of my cattle and a pair of oxen and a couple of sheep: I do give unto my son John a young horse going on of three years old and a sixth part of my cattle: I do give unto my two daughters Anne and Sarah, a mare called Bessy to be divided between them and each of them a sixth part of my cattle and a couple of sheep

I do give unto Charles Durham a three year old horse

I do give and bequeath unto my dear wife all the rest of my household goods and my living horse and a young horse of a year old: and the sixth part of my cattle and all my stock of sheep: and I do make my dear and loving wife the executrix of all the rest of my mortal goods movable and immovable, and for her my dear wife to have what portion or portions she shall think fit or convenient to give her, to see my Will put in effect as witness my hands and seal the day and year first above written.

signed and sealed in the presence of us

Wm Bradshaw
Charles Durham

Proved in open Court held for the
Jt. of Wight County May the 2^d 1687
by Wm Bradshaw & Charles Durham

John Williams

Test John Pitt & Co

I Hopkin Howell being very sick and weak but in perfect sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament first I give my soul to God and my body to be decently buried

I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary the whole and singular the land which I now possess for her life and after her death I give unto my son Hopkin all the land from a swamp called by the name of the holy bush swamp a part of the said land being formerly my brother Thomas which said land I give unto my son Hopkin and his heirs for ever, as also I give unto my son Hopkin my gun: as also I give unto my daughter Mary the rest of the land from the said swamp down wards being the plantation which I now live on: to her and her heirs for ever and in last either of the said children should die without heirs then the other to possess the land and in last they both die without heirs then to my wife and her heirs lawfully begotten of his body for ever and for want of such heirs my Will is that my brother's eldest son Thomas Howell shall have the upper part of my land which is before mentioned to him and his heirs for ever and the lower part of the land unto John Hale, Junr and his heirs for ever: I do give unto John Howell one two year old horse to be delivered unto him in the year of our Lord 1689 the rest of my estate I do give unto my wife and two children to be equally divided between them as also I do make my wife my whole and sole executrix to see this my last Will and Testament performed in witness whereof I have set my hands and seal the 9th day of March one thousand six hundred and eighty six

Hopkin Howell
his mark

signed sealed in the presence of us

Edmond Fodrom
Robert Minter
Elizabeth Minter
his mark
Bridget O'Clague
his mark

Proved by Robert Minter and
Elizabeth Minter and Bridget O'Clague
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