

Teste;
By,

G. E. Bunting,
Ruby V. Benton,

Clerk.
D. C.

I, Mills Godwin of the County of Nansemond being of rather imperfect health of body at present, but of sound mind, considering the certainty of death, the uncertainty of the time it may happen and the propriety of arranging my worldly affairs, have determined to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first, I give and devise to my son Thomas H. P. Godwin and to his heirs forever the land and plantation whereon I now live with all and singular its advantages whatsoever, one half of which he is to possess at my death and the other half at the death of his mother, further, I give and bequeath to my said son and to his heirs forever the following slaves namely Cyrus & Betty and Wharton. I also give and bequeath to my said son the horse which is now called his and being the horse I had from Weatherly, my mahogany buffett and sideboard, two beds and furniture, one yoke of oxen and one still (with its furniture) of his choice, four cows and fifteen sheep, my silver tankard and six silver spoons marked T. G. to him and his heirs forever. Secondly, To my two daughters Louisa Caroline Hall and Ann Gray Holladay I give and bequeath and confirm all the property I have heretofore possessed them of severally and I give and bequeath to them equally between them and their descendants the remainder and reversion of all the personal property herein after given to my beloved wife during her natural life. I give to my grand daughter Eliza Sarah Kensey Randolph my negre girl Ellen to her and her heirs forever. Thirdly, I lend to my beloved wife Sarah the use and occupation of one half of my dwelling house and out houses as also one half of my land, plantation, orchards and gardens where we now live and one brandy still and furniture, also I lend to her all and every part of my personal estate which shall not be otherwise disposed of, in and by this will and testament for and during her natural life, and at her death to pass as I have herein before directed, that is to say, the estate so lent to my said son the personal estate so lent to my said daughters and their descendants, a sufficiency of my other property such as my wife can best spare, for the payment of all my just debts and the disbursement or costs of administration. Lastly, I nominate and appoint my beloved son Thomas H. P. Godwin and my son in law James Holladay executors of this my last will and testament, and desire that no security of any kind may be required from them having full and perfect confidence it will not be necessary. In evidence of all which I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal this 21st day of August in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two.
Signed, sealed and delivered by
the said Mills Godwin as and for his last will
and testament in presence of

Mills Godwin (SEAL)

*Copy of the
will of
Mills Godwin
Examined*

John Godwin, Hess Munger
Joseph Godwin, Joseph W. Heekey.

At a Court held for Nansemond County, the 13th day of March 1826.
This Testament and last will of Mills Godwin dec'd, was put into Court by Thomas H. P.
Godwin and James Helladay the executors therein named and sworn to by them and being proved
by the oaths of John Godwin, Joseph Godwin and Joseph W. Heekey. And on the motion of
the said executors certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due
form they having made oath and entered into bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars,
conditioned according to law (without security the will requiring none)

Teste- John T. Kilby, D. C.

A copy Teste: Peter B. Prentis, Clerk.

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Circuit Court, the 13th day of April,
1918.

The foregoing Copy of Will with certificates thereon was produced by Miss Mildred M.
Helladay to the Clerk of said Court and on her application is recorded anew, the Will
Book from which the same was copied having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's
Office and the records on the 7th day of February, 1866.

Teste: G. E. Bunting, Clerk

By, Ruby V. Benton, D. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Godwin of Nansemond County Gent. being sick and weak
butt of perfect memory do make this my last will and testament in manner & form as followeth
viz: I bequeath my soul to God & my body to the earth to be decently buried. I give unto
my son Edmond a parcel of land by (both) purchased of James Lenge containing about three
hundred acres lying and being on the western Branch of Nansemond as also all my cattle

Copy of Will
of
Thomas