

In the name of God Amen I, Thomas Godwin of Nansemond County being very sick doe make this my last will & Testament in manner and form following:

First I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Godwin the land and plantation whereon John Samson now lives to him and his heirs.

It: I give and bequeath unto my son John Godwin all the land and plantation I purchased of William Campbell to him & his heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my two sons Reade and Jeremiah Godwin all the lands I purchased of my brether Edmond Godwin to be equally divided between them, beginning at the main Creek and taking its length outwards to them and their heirs forever.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my son James Godwin my watter mill with her stones and tackling to him and his heirs. As for the rest of my estate of what nature or kind soever I desire it may be equally divided between my loving wife, Margaret, and seven children, Thomas Godwin, John Godwin, Reade Godwin, Jeremiah Godwin, James Godwin, Mary Godwin, Samuel Godwin.

I appoint my two sons Thomas Godwin & John Godwin my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of December 1749.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in the presence of us

Thoms. Godwin, (S.S.)

Thos. Davis

Joshua Godwin

Burgh Godwin

Matthew Godwin

At a Court held for Nansemond County, February 12th 1749.

The last will and Testament of Thomas Godwin Gent: deceased, was proved by the oaths of Joshua Godwin, Burgh Godwin and Matthew Godwin, three of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

J. Wright Cl. Court

At a Court held for Nansemond County April 9th, 1750.

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At a Court held for Nansemond County April 9th, 1750.

Thomas Godwin and John Godwin, the Executors named in the last will and Testament of Thomas Godwin, Gent: dec'd, refusing to take upon them the burden of the execution thereof; on the petition of Margaret Godwin, relict of the said Thomas Godwin dec'd who made oath according to law: certificate is granted her for obtaining letters of Administration on the estate of the sd. Thomas Godwin with his said will annexed in due form: Whereupon she with Edmund Godwin, John Reade, James Pitt, and Joshua Godwin, her securities entered into bond for that purpose.

Teste,

J. Wright Cl. Cur.

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. Hella-day 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.