

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.

Copy of Will of Thomas Godwin

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 that belong to the said plantation purchased of the said Lenge with their increase. I give also to my said son Edmond one hundred and seventy five acres of land lying and being in the Western Branch of Nansemond joining to the lands of Mr Quincy Exum to have and to hold unto him & his heirs forever. I give also to my son Edmond one feather bed & furniture & after the death of my wife I bequeath to him two negroe men by name Ben & Jack. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth after the death of my wife one negroe girl my name Moll & her and her heirs forever). I suppose there may be about forty thousand pounds of tobacco due amongst Mr. Buzy's children after my (John payd) for their keeping and all other disbursements the which I desire may be paid them) I give to my wife what goods household goods moveable & immoveable that belong to me and all other things whatsoever tobacco excepted) and last of all I appoint my son Thomas Godwin my whole and sole executor to see this my last will and testament performed in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of March 167⁶

Signed sealed & Del. in the presence of us

Joseph Reesy
Quincy Exum
Thomas Exum.

Thomas Godwin, {seal}