

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas B. Williams of the County of Volaway being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit. I give unto my loving wife Catharine Williams during her natural life in lieu of her dower, the following negroes, with their future increase, from this date, to wit, James who attends in the house, Cook Tom and his wife Patty, Izbel, Grace, Patty with her six children, to wit, Abraham, Turner, Linder, Pompey, Amelia and Phibe, Nanny and her seven children to wit, Simon, Amos, Harry, Annica, Sally, Nancy and Molly, Ben, Joe and Lewis. I also lend to my loving wife during her widowhood, and no longer the land and plantation whereon I now live, with its appurtenances, and also the household and kitchen furniture, and stocks of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs on the said land and plantation. It is my will and desire that my son William Williams at the death of my loving wife, may have one twelfth part of the negroes so given or lent to her, but that none of the negroes who came by my said wife be included in his said part, which I give to him and his heirs forever. It is my further will and desire the rest or remaining part of the negroes given or lent to my wife during her life may be given or divided by Will or otherwise, in any manner my said wife shall think proper, amongst my children by her, making their portions equal or unequal at her pleasure, but should my said wife die without disposing of the said negroes, I give them to my eleven children by my said wife equally to be divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever, but if any of my said children should die before their mother and she should first disposing of the said negroes, then the said negroes to be divided amongst the survivor or survivors of them and the children of those who may leave children, the said children only to be entitled to their father's or mother's share. I give to my son William Williams one negro boy named Anthony to him and his heirs forever. I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Irby during her life a negro girl named Peggy now

the said negro, then the said negro to be divided
-drew of those who may leave children the said children only to be entitled to their
share. I give to my son William Williams one negro boy named Anthony to him and his heirs
forever. I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Inby during her life a negro girl named Peggy now
in the possession of William Inby with all her increase from the time she came into the possession
of the said William Inby and at my said daughter's death should she leave a child or children I give
the said negro and her increase to the said child or children and their heirs forever, but if my said
daughter should leave no child or children, or they should not live to attain the age of twenty one
years or marry then the said negro and her increase to return to my estate. I give to my daugh-
-ter Leatharine ^{Spes} one negro girl named Dolly with her increase from the time she
came to her possession to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Rachel ^{Spes} one negro girl
named Phillis with her increase from the time she came to her possession to her and her heirs
forever. I give to my son David ^{Ly} Williams one negro boy named Dinwiddie to him and his
heirs forever. I give to my daughter Sarah ^{Ly} Williams one negro girl named Clarissa
with her increase from this date to her and her heirs forever. I give to my son John ^F Will-
-ams one negro boy named Vivion to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son Joseph
^{Ly} Williams one negro boy named Lemhouse to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son
Samuel ^{Ly} Williams one negro boy named Freeman ^{to him and his heirs forever}. I give to my daughter Martha ^{Ly} Williams
one negro girl named Susanna with her increase from this date to her and her heirs forever.
I give to my daughter Lettice ^{Ly} Williams one negro girl named Betty with her increase

from this date to her and her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Ann B. Williams one Negro
girl named Leticia with her increase from this date to her and her heirs forever. My Will and desire
is that if either of my eight children now unmarried should die before they come of age or marry, that
then their part or portion of my Negroes be equally divided amongst the remaining part of my children
by my said wife and the children of those who may be dead in the manner before mentioned. I give
to my son William Williams one fourth part of my land lying in the County of Lunenburg contain-
ing fourteen hundred and eight acres, which part was taken off to him by Simeon Waller and adjoining the
lands of James Scott on Hounds Creek, and on which the said William Williams hath settled and
now lives, to him and his heirs forever. I give the remaining part of my land in Lunenburg County
to my sons David G. Williams and John F. Williams to be equally divided between them according to
quantity and quality, the said David G. Williams to have that part of the land on which he hath
built his house and now lives as his part, to them and their heirs forever. I give to my son Joseph
G. Williams my tract of land lying in this County called the Horsepen Quarter to him and his heirs forever.
I give to my son Larnest G. Williams the tract of land on which I now live, after the end or expiration
of the estate given to my wife, to him and his heirs forever. It is my Will ~~and desire~~ that if either
of my said four last mentioned sons should die before they attain the age of twenty-one years or
marry, then and in that case the land given to them to be equally divided between the survivors of my
said four sons. I give to my Executors hereafter mentioned, in trust for the support of my son Thomas
Williams the following Negroes, to wit, Jope Bivert, Betty and Phebe, with their increase from
this date during his natural life, but not to be liable to the payment of any of his debts, and
if my said son should have any children lawfully begotten and die leaving the same, I give the
said Negroes with their increase from this date to them and their heirs forever, but should

my said son not leave any child or children, or if any such are left and none should attain the age of twenty one years or marry, I give the said negro's and their increase to my children by my said wife to be equally divided by my Executors between them or the survivors of them and the children of such who may be dead in the manner before mentioned to them and their heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my Executors sell all my lands not mentioned in this will, and the money arising from the sale thereof and what money I may have due me be divided amongst my children by my said wife, or the survivors of them and the children of such as may be dead as above mentioned after my just debts are paid. I give to my grandson Thomas Epes one Negro boy named Mingo son of Judah to him and his heirs forever. I give to my grandson John Epes one Negro boy named Tom (son of Pally) to him and his heirs forever, all the rest of my negro's not mentioned or given away in this Will I give to be equally divided amongst my children by my said wife, and my son William Williams to them and their heirs forever, but in making the said division all the negro's together with their increase with which any of my said children may have been advanced in my lifetime or may be advanced to be estimated as their part or parts thereof, except the part or portion thereof which may fall to my daughter Elizabeth Inby which I lend to her in the same manner as I have lent the girl Peggy and her increase in the foregoing part of this Will and after the death of my said daughter to be subject to the like restrictions and be disposed of in the same manner as Peggy and her increase are disposed of in the said part of this Will. It is my will and desire that if any of my children now unmarried should die before they come of age or marry, then their lot or lots to be equally divided amongst the survivors of my said unmarried children. I give my

drew by my said wife to be equally divided by my Executors between them or the survivors of them and the children of such who may be dead in the manner before mentioned to them and their heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my Executors sell all my lands not mentioned in this will, and the money arising from the sale thereof and what money I may have due me be divided amongst my children by my said wife, or the survivors of them and the children of such as may be dead as above mentioned after my just debts are paid. I give to my grandson Thomas Epes one Negro boy named Mingo (son of Judah) to him and his heirs forever. I give to my grandson John Epes one Negro boy named Tom (son of Paddy) to him and his heirs forever. All the rest of my Negroes not mentioned or given away in this Will I give to be equally divided amongst my children by my said wife, and my son William Williams to them and their heirs forever, but in making the said division all the Negroes together with their increase with which any of my said children may have been advanced in my lifetime or may be advanced to be estimated as their part or parts thereof, except the part or portion thereof which may fall to my daughter Elizabeth Inby which I lend to her in the same manner as I have lent the girl Peggy and her increase in the foregoing part of this Will and after the death of my said daughter to be subject to the like restrictions and be disposed of in the same manner as Peggy and her increase are disposed of in the said part of this Will. It is my will and desire that if any of my children now unmarried should die before they come of age or marry that their lot or lots to be equally divided amongst the survivors of my said unmarried children. I give my stock of all kinds to my four youngest sons at the death or marriage of their mother. I give

all my Household and kitchen furniture to my two youngest sons after the death or marriage of their mother. Whatever part of my estate is not mentioned, and this Will doth not contain, I give to my eldest youngest children to be equally divided amongst them or the survivors of them and the children of such as may be dead, as heretofore mentioned to them and their heirs forever. It is my Will and desire that all my estate devised or given in this Will be laid off and given to the different legacies by my sons-in-law William Irby, Thomas Epes, and John Epes and my friends William Greenhill, William Fitzgerald, Francis Fitzgerald, and Robert Fitzgerald or any two or more of them. And lastly I do nominate and appoint William Irby, Thomas Epes, John Epes, David G. Williams and William Fitzgerald Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills heretofore made. In witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

The names of Leeson, Pompey, Amica, Sally and Nancy, mentioned before signed

Thos R. Williams Seal

Signed sealed and acknowledged }

in presence of

Edward Bland

Alexander Wilson

Edmund Irby

John Woodward

At a Court continue & held for Walloway County at the Courthouse on Friday the 7th of Decemr 1798.

This last Will and Testament of Thomas R. Williams deceased was offered for proof by John Epes and

annulling all former Wills heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-
dred and ninety eight.

The names of Leeson, Pompey, Annica, Sally and Nancy, interlined before signed

Tho. R. Williams Seal

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of

Edward Bland
Alexander Wilson
Edmund Inby
John Woodward

A Court convened & held for Nottoway County at the Courthouse on Friday the 7th of Decemr 1798.

This last will and testament of Thomas R. Williams deceased was offered for proof by John Epps and
David G. Williams two of the executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of Edward Bland
Alexander Wilson and John Woodward three of the witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded, and
on the motion of the said executors a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of this will
they having taken the oath of Executors and with Francis Fitzgerald, Thomas Epps and Edward
Bland, their securities entered into and acknowledged a bond according to Law.

Teste Peter Randolph C. C. L.

Truly recorded

Teste Thomas Waring Todde C. C.

Agreeable to an order of Nottoway County Court bearing date 1st February 1798. That is hereunto annexed We