

Last Will and Testament of John Williams
The last will and Testament of John Williams of the City of
Macon. I John Williams of the City of Macon, being of sound
mind and disposing memory, do hereby publish and
declare this as my last Will & Testament to wit:
I give, bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife
R. Williams my plantation known as the swamps
plantation in Baldwin County and also ten negroes
to be selected by her from all my negroes now on said
plantation, ten cows & calves, ten sheep & lambs, ten
Carriage horses & seven mules and necessary plantation
tools & the stock of hogs at the said plantation, so have
and to hold the said plantation, lands, negroes, stock
as to the said Ann R. Williams for and during
her natural life and at her death, I will and
devise the said plantation to my son Green and
his heirs forever charged with a comfortable
maintenance and support of my son Joseph
Williams. It is further my will that my said
wife dispose of five of said negroes at her death
to whomsoever she may choose & that the other five
negroes & increase of all them & the said stock be
then divided to and among my heirs

Third I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel S.
Williams my plantation & lands in Baldwin County
known as the mill plantation charged with a
comfortable support and maintenance of my son
Joseph Williams

Fourth I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Reuben
S. Williams the plantation & lands now his
possession situate in Lee County to have and to
hold to him the said Reuben S. & his heirs
forever.

Fifth I give, devise & bequeath unto my son John Williams
the plantation & lands now in his possession
situate in Lee County and adjoining the lands
of Reuben S. Williams

Sixth I give, devise and bequeath the following negroes
to wit: Mills & her child Rachael, Anabel & Eliza
and major a negro man to my son Reuben S.
Williams in trust to and for the sole & separate
use & behoof of my daughter Elizabeth Ward for
and during her natural life without the let or
interference of her present or any future husband
& upon the death of my said daughter Eliza the
said negroes and their increase to be equally
divided between her children

Seventh I give & bequeath the following negroes to wit:
Jesse, Annetta, Julia, Green & David to my son
Reuben S. Williams John S. Williams & Nathaniel
S. Williams in trust to and for the sole & separate
use and behoof of my daughter Elizabeth Ward
without the let or interference of her present or any future husband

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her present or any future husband for and during
her natural life and upon her death then to be
equally divided between her children.

Eighth I give and bequeath the following negroes to wit
Betsey and her child Maria Louise Jefferson
to my sons Leuben S. Williams & John S. Williams
& Nathaniel S. Williams in trust to & for the sole and
separate use, benefit and behoof of my daughter
Mary Ann Corbles without the aid or interference
of her present or any future husband for
and during her natural life and upon her
death then the said negroes & their increase to
be equally divided between her children.

Ninth I give & bequeath unto my son Leuben S. Williams
the following negroes now in his possession
Johnson, Mathew, Meshack and Mary.

Tenth I give and bequeath unto my son John S. Williams
the following negroes now in his possession to wit
Man and his wife Sally Dick & Mary their two
children Angelina & Semar Francis & Lloyd also
their children.

Eleventh I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel S.
Williams Arros, Leada

Twelfth I give & bequeath the following negroes to wit,
Austin, Bill & Tyler also four yoke of oxen & cart
to my son Nathaniel S. Williams in trust to
appropriate the hire & service of the said negroes
to the support & maintenance of my son Joseph
S. Williams without the interference in any
manner whatsoever of his present or any
future creditors.

Thirteenth It is my will that from the proceeds of my
said Estate such a sum be reserved as may
be necessary for the proper support & education
of my grandson John W. Van Wagon to be
appropriated from time to time at the discretion
of my Executor And I give and bequeath unto
my grandson son a negro boy named Albert.

Fourteenth It is my will and direction that all my remaining
land wherever situated be by Executor sold within
two years in a credit of Twelve months.

Fifteenth It is my will & direction that all my negroes
not herein bequeathed all my stock of Cattle
& the rest & residue of my Estate be by Executor sold
on such terms as to them shall seem most
advantageous.

Sixteenth It is my will and desire that the proceeds
of the property designated in the two preceding
Articles be after the payment of my debts equally
divided to & among my six children to wit Leuben
S. Williams, John S. Williams, Nathaniel S. Williams
Mary Ann Corbles, Samuel & George Williams
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the respective shares to which my said Daughters may
be severally entitled to be paid by the Trustees of
in the sixth, seventh and eight clauses of the my will
to be held by the said Trustees upon the same trusts as
in said clauses are set forth.

Seventeenth I do hereby empower & authorize my Executor should the
deceased & most for the interest of my estate to sell
& dispose of by private sale the furniture in the Central
Hotel without the delay of advertising or, the
proceeds of such sale to be applied to the discharge
of such debts as I have assumed for & in account of
said Hotel & of Horace B. Ward.

Eighteenth I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my sons
Leuben S. Williams, John C. Williams & Nathaniel
S. Williams & my friend Richard C. Randolph
my Executors to this my last Will and Testament
Signed, Sealed & published by the Testator
John Williams as his last Will and Testament in our presence who
attest the same in his presence at
his request in the presence of each
other this 31st day of July A.D. 1839.
Edw D. Tracy
John J. Graham
S. C. Lippitt

Georgia } Before Frederick Sims, John Bailey and Myron
Bibb County } Bartlett Justices of the Inferior Court in and for
personally appeared John J. Graham, Samuel C.
Lippitt & Edward D. Tracy the attesting witnesses to the
will in the within described and the said John J. Graham
Samuel C. Lippitt and Edward D. Tracy being duly sworn say
that the Testator John Williams then being of sound mind
and capacity did sign, seal and publish the annexed
three within sheets as his last will and Testament and
that the deponents attested the execution of said will
in the presence of the testator and at his request
and that the deponents attested the execution of the same
in the presence of the Testator & of each other.

Sworn to & Subscribed this
6th August 1839
F. Sims J. D. C.
John Bailey J. D. C.
Myron Bartlett J. D. C.
Edward D. Tracy
John J. Graham
S. C. Lippitt

Bibb Court of Ordinance September Term 1839
The last will and Testament of John Williams deceased have
been presented and duly proven Leuben S. Williams John C. Williams
and Nathaniel S. Williams Executors named in said will
having duly qualified. It is then ordered by the Court
that said will be forth with admitted to be valid
and that the same be
thenceforth

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Georgia } Articles of agreement entered into this
Bibb County } twenty ninth day of August in the year
one thousand eight hundred and thirty
signe between the legatees of John Williams deceased.
Whereas the said John Williams before his decease
made and executed his last will and Testament
and in the first item of said last will and Testament
it has been omitted to make certain provisions for
Ann B. Williams the widow and relict of said
John Williams deceased to wit. a carriage which
was the family carriage at the time of the death
of said John Williams, also a wagon and harness
and provisions of all kinds for the support
of the Rocklanding and Mill plantation. Now
in order to the convenience of all parties
concerned in said estate and to relieve the
Executor of said will from embarrassment
it is hereby agreed by and between the parties
to these covenants that the Executors to said will
shall transfer and deliver to the said Ann B.
Williams the family carriage aforesaid as also
the wagon and harness which have been
used at the Rocklanding plantation and they
are likewise authorized and requested to furnish
out of the general estate sufficient provisions
of all kinds for the use of the Rocklanding
and Mill plantation for twelve months
from the death of said deceased. And whereas
by the sixteenth item of said will it is provided
that the proceeds of the property designated
in the two preceding clauses (meaning the
fourteenth and fifteenth items of the said will)
be after the payment of the just debts of the
Testator equally divided among his six children
omitting to make any provision of said
proceeds for Joseph Williams. Now for and in
consideration of the natural love and affection
of the said six children to wit. Reuben S. Williams
John Williams, Nathaniel S. Williams, Eliza W.
Mary by herself her Trustee under the will
Reuben S. Williams, Sarah B. Cowles by herself
her Trustee under the will Reuben S. Williams
John Williams and Nathaniel S. Williams &
Eliza Ann Cowles by herself and her Trustee
the said Reuben S. Williams, John and Nathaniel S. Williams
and for their brother Joseph Williams have
severally relinquished unto Nathaniel S. Williams
so much of each and every of their shares and
interest in and to the aforesaid proceeds referred to
in said sixteenth section of said will as shall
give to said Joseph equal share with the said
six children. To have and to hold the said
relinquishment unto Nathaniel S. Williams
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 said Nathaniel G. in Trust for said Joseph Williams
 his heirs and assigns for ever. And it is further
 agreed by and between the parties to their presents
 (and the Executors to said will are hereby empowered
 and requested to recognize the same) that all the
 debts due the said Estate or to be due by the said
 legates to said will are to be paid by the said
 legates out of their proportionable share of said
 Estate and where there are trust Estates they
 shall be paid by the Trustee. And it is also
 further agreed by and between the parties to their
 presents that in the settlement between the Executors
 of said will & Horace C. Ward an equitable allow-
 ance is to be made to said Ward for the difference
 between the present valuation of the furniture
 of the Central Hotel as valued & sold to Frederick
 Sims and the valuation when purchased by
 John Williams in 1838.
 In Testimony whereof the said parties to their
 presents have hereunto set their hands and
 affixed their seals this 30th day of August 1839.
 The words "to said Joseph and equal
 share with the said six children" interlined
 before signing & delivery.

Ann P. Williams	(L.S.)	Reuben S. Williams	(L.S.)
Epiza W. Ward	(L.S.)	Trustee for E. W. Ward	(L.S.)
Sarah C. Bowles	(L.S.)	R. S. Williams	(L.S.)
Mary Ann Bowles	(L.S.)	N. S. Williams	(L.S.)
Reuben S. Williams	(L.S.)	John J. Williams	(L.S.)
John J. Williams	(L.S.)	Trustee for S. C. Bowles	(L.S.)
W. S. Williams	(L.S.)	John J. Williams	(L.S.)
Jo. S. Williams	(L.S.)	Reuben S. Williams	(L.S.)
N. S. Williams	(L.S.)	N. S. Williams	(L.S.)
Trustee for Jo. S. Williams		Trustee for Mary Ann Bowles	

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of
 J. H. Monttrie
 James A. Kistler
 Notary Public