

Georgia
Chatham County

In the name of God, Amen! I, Anne Williams, Wife of William Thaddeus Williams, being at this time extremely low from sickness, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and mindful of the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, do make this my last Will and Testament, trusting in a glorious resurrection through the merits of my Saviour -

First. - I direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon after my death as may conveniently be done.

Secondly. - Being possessed of personal property of considerable value consisting principally of Slaves, I give devise and bequeath the same unto my friend Mr John Cunningham and Mr William Rogers, and to the survivor of them, and to the executors and Administrators of the survivors of them, In Trust to and for the use, benefit, and behoof, of my beloved Mother Louisa Morrison and Harriet R Taylor, both of the State of South Carolina, during their natural lives, and in trust for the survivor of them during her natural life, subject nevertheless to the payment each and every year, of the sum of Three hundred Dollars to my husband William Thaddeus Williams, or whose father the said property shall be held and bound for that amount in the hands of the said Trustees or surviving Trustee, and his Executors and Administrators, for and during his natural life.

Thirdly. From and the death of my said Mother and my said Aunt, I further devise give and bequeath my said property subject to the annuity aforesaid, should Mr Williams survive them, to the Trustees of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah forever -

Fourthly. After my debts shall all have been paid I desire and direct that three of my faithful servants, named London, Ross, and Elly, and also Rosci Child, Laura, be allowed by my Trustees to leave Georgia for Africa, or some other country, as in one of the Western States, where they may be educated, and where they may have their freedom. If they choose to go, their expenses are to be paid out of the trust money - if not, they are to continue

to be slaves, of which I should see in the hands of
the Trust; her daughter Lanna I give devise and
bequeath to my Aunt Miss Harriet R Taylor.
Fifthly - I give devise and bequeath Lanna and
her child Elizabeth to John Rogers, the son of -
William Rogers, with an earnest request that she
be not removed from Savannah.

Sixthly - I give and bequeath the use of my servant
Henry, about six years old now, as a body servant
to my husband Mr William Thaddeus Williams
during his natural life, to sit upon him but
not as his property, and after Mr Williams death
I give the said boy to Mr John Cunningham, or,
if Mr Cunningham be then dead, to Mr Cun-
ningham's right heir forever.

Seventhly - As some of my slaves have husbands
or wives who may in time be removed from -
Savannah or elsewhere where they may be, it is
my desire and direction that, if my said slaves -
desire it, my Trustees sell the same to go with
their husbands or wives, vesting the proceeds of sale
of them as desiring, in other property in the same
uses and trusts.

Eighthly - All my household furnishings, of what
ever kind, I give and bequeath to my Mother and
Aunt before mentioned, absolutely for themselves for
ever.

Ninthly - I do hereby constitute and appoint Mr
John Cunningham and Mr William Rogers, to be
the executors of this my last Will and Testament.
Done at Savannah this twenty third
day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and
forty eight.

Maria Ann Williams

(Seal)

Signed sealed published and
declared by the Maria Ann
Williams, to be her last Will &
Testament, in our presence and by
her request this 23^d December 1848
C. P. Richardson
Joseph W Jackson

Codicil - June 1857

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Whereas I, Maria Ann Williams, did,
on the twenty third day of December in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

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in presence of C. P. Richardson and Joseph H. Burton, who
signed the said will and returned a witness and
whereas I am desirous of altering and changing some
of the provisions of the said instrument, and adding others
therefore make and publish this Codicil to my will.
First - My beloved husband, William Thurman
Williams, having departed this life, the charge
upon my property in the second item of my will
has failed; I grant, order, and direct that the
Trustees in said item named shall hold the said
property subject to an annual payment of the
sum each and every year for and during her nat-
ural life, of Two hundred Dollars to my friend
Miss Jane Cunningham, of this City of Savannah
to be a charge upon the said property fully as
I designed the payments to Mr Williams to be
Second.

I revoke and annul so much of the fourth
item of my will as relates to Rose and Eliza,
and Rose's daughter Anna; and I will order and
direct that Anna become absolutely the property
of Miss Francis R. Taylor upon my death, to whom
I give and bequeath her; and I order and direct
that Rose and Eliza, and Rose's younger child born
since the date of my will and believed to be
named Anne, shall, with any issue born here-
after become part and parcel of my property
disposed of in the second item of my will
and subject to the provisions of that item.

Third. I revoke the bequest of Jane and her
child Elizabeth to John Rogers; and I hereby give,
devise, and bequeath to her and her future issue
to the said John Rogers forever. Jane and Elizabeth
to be subject to the provisions of the second item
of my will.

Fourth. I give devise and bequeath my servant
Henry mentioned in the sixth item of my
will to my friend Mr William Rogers, forever.

Fifth - I hereby revoke and annul my appointments
in my will of Mr John Cunningham as Trustee
and as Executor, and I appoint nominate and con-
stitute Mr William Rogers to be sole Trustee and
sole Executor.

Sixth. Having become entitled by the death of my
late husband Mr Williams, to certain negro slaves
twelve, more or less, in number, I hereby give devise
and bequeath the said negro slaves and their future

... to Mr Thomas Williams now of Florida, -
brother to my late husband in Trust to and for
Mr Thomas Williams children now living and here-
after to be born to him forever; it having been
a wish expressed to me by my husband that I
should do so; this request subject nevertheless to
the proviso that the said property shall not be
delivered over until the lawful debts of Mr Wil-
liams estate shall have been first discharged by
his Administrators, and until the three following
just claims against Mr Williams, my late hus-
band, shall have been first paid and discharged
by my Executor, who is hereby authorized and
required to pay the same out of the proceeds of
their labor, to wit: One hundred Dollars in favour
of Mrs Eben Williams, of Chatham County, Widow;
Thirty nine Dollars in favour of Mr Stephen B Williams
and the further sum of One hundred and twenty five
Dollars in favour of Drt Benjamin White of Milledge-
ville.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint Mr William
Rogers to be the sole Executor of my last Will and
Testament, and of this Codicil thereto.

Martha C. Williams
Test.

Signed sealed declared
and published by Martha
C. Williams as a Codicil
to her last Will and Test-
ament, in presence of us
the subscribers, who subscribed
our names hereto in presence
of said Testatrix at her instance
(request) and of each other this
18th day of June 1857

J. Burke,
D. A. Holland,
Joseph W. Jackson

Opened in presence of us this
seventh day of April A. D.
1855.

J. B. Williams
C. F. Hamilton
J. W. Kennedy
F. H. Blair
Wm. C. C.

State of Georgia }
Chatham County }

Court of Ordinary

Present - John W. Williams, Esq., Ordinary for the
County of Chatham.

Personally appeared D. Holland a subscribing
Witness to the annexed instrument of writing, importing
to be the last Will and Testament of said
Martha Williams late of Chatham County deceased, who
being duly sworn depose and saith that he was pres-
ent, and did see the said instrument of writing duly

executed by the said ~~deponent~~ ^{deponent} further avers that the said Martha Ann - at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that A. Holland (the deponent) and J. Foulke and Joseph M Jackson in the presence of each other, and of the said Martha Ann - and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Dennis Holland

Sworn to before me
the 13th day of April 1855
John M. Miller,
C. C. C.

You do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will of the within named Martha Ann Williams deceased, as far as you know or believe; and that you will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said Will, as far as her goods and chattels will therewith extend and the law charge you; and that you will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels. So help you God.

W. Rogers

Sworn to before me
the 7th day of May 1855
John M. Miller,
C. C. C.

Georgia void In the name of God, Amen, I Sarah E. Habersham of void being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will, and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Firstly: I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay, by my Executors hereinafter named.

Secondly: I give and devise to my son, Richard M Habersham void

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