

Charles Williams dec. Will

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Williams of the
County of Halifax State of North Carolina being weak in body but enjoying sound
mind & perfect memory thanks be given to God do make & ordain this my Last Will
& Testament in manner & form following Vizt. That my will and desire is ~~that~~
my land ^{lying} in the County of Halifax State aforesaid shall be rented or Leased
at the discretion of my Executors herein after ~~named~~ named until my
youngest son Joseph John Williams attains to Lawfull Age then to be sold at
publick sale the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my three
Children John Milt. Knapp & David by the name of John Williams, Elizabeth
Williams Williams, & Joseph John Williams & should either of these my three Children
die without Lawfull issue before of his or her body or before the sale of the Land
& division of the money as aforesaid that then the money arising from the sale of
the Land shall be equally divided among the survivors, But that no part of my said
Land shall be subject to cutting or cultivation during the time for which it shall
be rented or Leased except that part lying between the two clearings there are on
the Land & bounded by a Chopin Line beginning on Jerusalem Creek at two Elms
& crossing just above the uppermost clearing to the head of a small branch or drain
at the ~~upper~~ end of the other clearing thence down the said branch or drain

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public sale the money arising therefrom to equally divided between my three children John Webb known & called by the name of John Williams, Elizabeth Williams Williams, & Joseph John Williams should either of these my three children die without lawfully having bequeathed of his or her body or before the sale of the Land & division of the money as aforesaid, that then the money arising from the sale of the Land shall be equally divided among the survivors, But that no part of my said Land shall be subject to cutting or cultivation during the time for which it shall be rented or leased except that part lying between the two clearings there are on the Land & bounded by a Chopin Line beginning on Persimmon Creek at two Elms & crossing just above the uppermost clearing to the head of a small branch or drain at the ~~upper~~ end of the other clearing thence down the said branch or drain till it empties into the Old rising Spring branch thence down the said Spring branch till it empties into Persimmon Creek thence up the said Creek to the aforesaid two Elms - Also my desire is that the renter or lessee of my said Land shall not have the privilege of clearing more than one fifth part of the Land lying within the aforesaid bounds between the two clearings in a year, that there may be timber reserved within the aforesaid bounds for fire wood & to keep the fences in repair during the time for which the Land may be rented or leased. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my,

daughter Elizabeth M Williams all the wearing apparel of her deceased mother and
also together with a habit pattern not made and a small chest I have at
Henry Thompsons. Thirdly, my will and desire is that my youngest son Joseph
J Williams shall have two years schooling given him together with his board and
cloathing out of the money arising from the sale of the perishable property, the
rents of the Lands, Fourthly, my will and desire is that all my perishable estate except
that which is herein excepted lying being in the Counties of Halifax & Northampton viz
household and kitchen furniture carpenters tools & plantation Wharfedale shall be sold & the
money equally divided amongst my three children above named after my youngest son
Joseph J Williams have the schooling board & cloathing above named given him my Executors
are paid for their trouble in executing this my last will and Testament —
Lastly, I do appoint & ordain my beloved brother & friend Francis Williams & James Gell both
of Halifax County to Execute this my last will & Testament until my youngest son
Joseph J Williams attains to full age & then that my Two Sons John Willm. alias
John Williams & Joseph J Williams & my daughter Elizabeth M Williams take the
business into their own hands sell the Land and divide the money together with the
other part of my Estate according to this my last will & Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight —

Betty Ann Green ^{her} Nancy Green
Thomas ^{his} Shiao ^{mark} J. H. H. H. H.

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of Halifax County to Execute this my last Will & Testament until my youngest son
Joseph J. Williams attains to lawful age & then that my Two Sons John Webb alias
John Williams & Joseph J. Williams & my daughter Elizabeth M. Williams take the
business into their own hands sell the same and divide the money, together with the
other part of my Estate according to this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety eight.

Signed & sealed in presence of us
Betty Ann Green Nancy ^{her} Green
Thomas ^{his} Shale J. Lindsey Jr. ^{mark}

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Interlined before signed
Betty Ann Green Nancy ^{her} Green
Thomas ^{his} Shale J. Lindsey Jr. ^{mark}

Halifax County, 28th November 1795. Then this will was
Exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of John Lindsey Jr.
one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded
and whereupon James Cill one of the Executors therein named came in and
was duly qualified to the same

Witness

Long Cill

In the Name of God Amen I Barbara Sands being weak in body but of