

The presence of us who were present
of the ~~line~~ of signing sealing
thereof

John Popper, Joseph Walter
Hampton Hamwells

Halifax County Va

his
Francis + Tolly
mark

November Session 1808 then this will was ex-
hibited in Open Court and duly proved by the Oath of John Popper
a witness thereto and the Motion ordered to be recorded whereupon
Robert Tolly the Executor therein named, came in and was duly
qualified thereto

Witness

L. Long C. C.

In the Name of God Amen! I Go. In^o Williams Sur^r being
in sound mind, perfect health and memory thank God for the
same, but considering the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed
for all men once to die do therefore make and declare this in-
-ment my last will and testament In the first place I be leave
to re commend my soul to god who gave it me and my body to
the earth to be buried as my Executors shall think proper
and direct as to my ^{property} it is my will that it be divided and dis-
-posed

For the purpose of the will

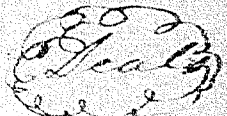
Disposed in the following Manner My just ~~debt~~ I wish paid
out ~~As~~ such Property as is deemed desirable that is such
as my Executor, think will be of least service or advantage
to my estate I wish my ~~third~~ Horse sold and the balance
that may remain after paying my debts, out of him and the
other property that ^{may} be sold if more is sold than will answer
that purpose, I wish it to be equally divided between my
wife and Children. I give unto my dearly beloved wife
Betty Norfleet Hunter ~~Williams~~ ^{my} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~their~~ ^{their} ~~increase~~
that came to me by Her as Her property to do with them as
she thinks proper also also the Household and Kitchen furniture
that came to me by Her, also my carriage & Horses also the choir
of my ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~fillies~~ ^{fillies} also four cows and ~~Others~~ ^{Others} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~choice~~
It is my wish that my wife live on the land whereon I now
live and she has the liberty of doing so and clearing any
part of it that is during her widowhood. Should my wife
wish to move to Her Father it is my wish and my Ex^{ors} are
requested to move Her to him that is they are to be at expense
which will be paid out of my money that can best be spared from
the estate. Should my wife wish to live elsewhere

of Mr. Williams Her will

the estate. I should my wife wish to live here. she has the liberty
of doing so and living and keeping Her Property in common
with the children during Her widowhood until the second
child arrives to lawful age or marries in case my wife wishes
and prefers to live in common with the children as stated above
it is my wish that she be justly supported the balance of my
property including lands & groves and every kind of Property
not given to my wife I wish to be equally divided among my
children I wish the property kept in common undivided and no
division be made until the first child comes of age or marries, then
I wish a division so as for the child who has married or arrived
at lawful age to get His or her portion and the property left undivided
between the others till another marries or comes of age then a division
of the property so^{or} for the second child to get His or Her part and
the child who has not arrived to lawful age to have it, & regards
kept on His or her lands and plantation I want the plantation
kept up and the Negroes not hired out and wish them treated
with as much lenity as circumstances will admit I should if
either of my children die before they arrive to lawful age
or within living lawful issue it is my will that their property
be equally divided among the children living If it shall
appear

appears to my Executors that any Part of my Property save
Land and Tithes can be sold to advantage they are liberty ~~and~~
requested to do so It is my will that my Children be well educated
as my Daughter as my sons and that strict attention be paid to
the morals of my Children should my sons prefer a my particular
profession I wish them indulged and if the profits arising from
my estate is not sufficient my Ex^{rs} will sell such part of my
prebible property as will enable them but if one has a great
deal more this way than another it must come out of his Part of
the Estate I know how common it is for young to wish to be free
about the age of eighteen but I trust my Executors and the Govern-
ment of my Children will keep them at something and no one
suffer them to be idle till they are free when I can have no
control over them they must do as they please when a division
of my property is necessary. I wish my Ex^{rs} to make it but if
they cannot agree that they appoint five or different men to make
it which division shall be good As my Hon^d Father, has not
made me right to my lands I hope and trust he will make it
to my Children. I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother William
Williams, my hearty and faithful friend James Harris Executors
to this my last will and testament and it is my will that they

Williams, my very and faithful friend James Harrison, called
to this my last will and testament and it is my will that they
be guardians to my children written with my own hand and
sealed with my seal this twenty second day of August in the
year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and seven.

Jo^s M^r Williams 

In addition to the above I wish my wife to have an equal share
in the crop that is on hand at my death and she is hereby settled
to the same I mean equal share with the children Witness my
hand and seal this 22 day of Jan^y 1808.

Jo^s M^r Williams 

Halifax County N.C.

November 2^d Dec^r 1808 then this will was exhibited
in open Court and thereupon James Harris made oath that he found
the same in the Desk of the deceased amongst his valuable papers and
thereup Joseph Gce. Mark Harwell and Epham Matthews came in
and made oath that they were well acquainted with the hand writ-
ing of Jo^s M^r Williams Jun^r deceased and that they verily believe the said
will was written in every part and parcel thereof and subscribed by the
said Jo^s M^r Williams Jun^r with his own proper hand and on motion Or-
dered to be recorded whereupon William Williams one of the ^{James Harrison} ex-
ecutors therein named came in and was qualified thereunto

Witness L. Lane Jct