

July Term 1857

In the name of God Amen I Abner Williams (R) of the town of Williamston
County of Martin & State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and
memory do hereby give and publish this my last will and testament in the
following manner and form, hereby annulling cancelling and
revoking all other former wills & testaments & paper writings in the
nature of wills which at any time herebefore may have been made
or executed by me viz

First I give and devise to my dear and dear is that my mortal remains after death
be taken care of by my grand-daughter Johnson of Williamston and I wish
her to see to it that she be buried in Elizabeth City Pasquotank County N.C. and that she
be buried in my grave who will have it very decently buried in my grave
and in said Elizabeth City - from the said grave you substantially enclosed
and have other grave stones or tombstones erected over my grave with such
inscriptions as he may think proper and the amount he may expend
about the same - my funeral & burial as well as enclosing & carrying you
and tomb & grave stone is left entirely to the discretion of the said Wm W. Griffin
whom I have herein appointed my Executor also my Executor is hereby requested
to make my friend Cassius Johnson ample compensation for all the
troubles, attention & expense he may be put to concerning the moving, burial
clothing coffin & having me carried to Elizabeth City as aforesaid his traveling
& those he may carry with him - after paying for the above & any other
incidental & funeral expenses as well as my just debts
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my friend Wm W. Griffin of Elizabeth
City Pasquotank County of N. Carolina the sum of five hundred dollars
for any trouble he may be put to in carrying out the object & intent
of & contained in the foregoing clause of this my last will and
testament and which is to be in lieu & instead of any charge by him
for transportation on my estate for settling the same

Thirdly I give bequeath & devise to my beloved sister Susan Williams &
her heirs Executors admors & assigns forever all the balance of my Chinese in
action & in possession as well as all my property & estate of every kind
Character & description which may remain after paying for carrying
out the object & intentions mentioned in the above first item & clause of
this my will & also paying the legacy contained in the second clause or
item of my will

Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my worthy & much esteemed friend
the aforesaid Wm W. Griffin of the town of Elizabeth City Pasquotank County N.C.
North Carolina sole Executor of & to this my last will and testament in testimony
whereof I the said Abner Williams do hereunto set my hand and seal
this 8th day of February 1856. Signed sealed published pronounced
and declared by the said Abner Williams as his last will and
testament in our presence and us in his presence in the presence
of each other subscribers
as witnesses to the same date
above written

Will R. E. Eborn
Thos H. Dooling

A. Williams (R)

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North Carolina by Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Martin County

The within & foregoing paper writings purporting to be the last will
& testament of Abner Williams (R) is exhibited in open court
for probate and the due execution thereof by the said Abner
Williams (R) is proved by the oath & examination of Wm W. Eborn
and Thomas H. Dooling the two subscribing witnesses thereto. It is
therefore concluded by the Court that the said paper writings & foregoing
thing is the last will and testament of the said Abner Williams
& the same with this Certificate of probate is ordered to be recorded
and filed and at the same time the remuneration & reimbursement
of Wm W. Griffin the Executor therein named of his right to qualify as
Executor of said will &c is exhibited in open court & ordered to be paid

L Johnson cllr