

I Henry Williams of the County of Martin and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

- That is to say.
- First I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Ann five thousand dollars in good bonds to be paid to her by my executor in fulfillment of a marriage contract made between us dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1859 and Registered in the Registers Office of Martin County
  - Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary one bed, bedstead and furniture, the first choice and one Bureau forever
  - Third I give and bequeath to my son Henry one bed, bedstead and furniture (the third choice) forever
  - Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Annabell one bed, bedstead and furniture (second choice) and the Bureau in my bed room forever
  - Fifth I devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary the residue of my house Kitchen furniture of every description and all my lots and the buildings and improvements theron in the town of Williamston to be accounted for by her in a division of my estate between her and my other children Henry and Annabell as herein provided at the sum of five thousand dollars and if she declines to take the same at that valuation then my son Henry may have the same privilege he accounting as aforesaid It is however heretofore stipulated that whoever takes under this clause takes subject to the limitations and conditions herein after set forth as applicable to all the property I give to my children Mary Henry and Annabell. It is further my will if both decline to take under this clause then the property to be sold by my executor under the next clause hereof
  - Sixth I wish and direct that all my property real and personal (except any slaves and the property specifically divided and bequeathed in the foregoing clauses) be sold by my executor herein after named on such creditable advertising and

stipulations as in the discretion of my executor he may deem best with power to convey good title to the purchasers

Seventh Out of my estate I wish and direct my Executor to hold the sum of five thousand dollars in bonds to be managed and disposed of as follows the interest annually or whenever collected to be paid to my daughter Sarah Foster during her natural life and if at her death she should leave issue surviving her then the interest aforesaid is to go to such issue until such issue shall marry or arrive at full age and then the principal is also to go to and rest in the said issue; but in case my daughter Sarah Foster shall die leaving no issue surviving her or in case such issue shall die before marrying or arriving at full age then the principal aforesaid shall be equally divided between Henry Henry and Annabell. And I do hereby direct and provide that this legacy of five thousand dollars, subject to the conditions aforesaid shall be all that my said daughter Sarah Foster shall be entitled to out of my estate either as my legatee or distributee or as the distributor or heir at law of any of my other children

Eighth The residue of my estate of every description not heretofore specially disposed of including the devise in the fifth clause in this will I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my children Henry Henry and Annabell to be received used and enjoyed by them for and during the term of their natural lives respectively. And my executor is hereby authorized to deliver to each of my said children respectively the share to which he or she may be entitled to aforesaid, subject to the conditions and stipulations herein after named without requiring more than his or her undersigned receipt or the receipt of the guardian or husband of the daughter to hold the same subject as aforesaid

Ninth Upon the death of my daughter Mary the slaves and other property and the principal of any bonds she may receive as aforesaid including the principal of any Bonds she may be entitled to receive under the seventh clause of this will I give and by

to any issue she may leave surviving her absolutely and forever  
Tenth Upon the death of my son Henry the slaves and other property and  
the principal of any bonds he may receive as aforesaid including  
the principal of any bonds he may be entitled to or receive under  
the seventh clause of this will. I give and bequeath to any issue  
he may leave surviving him absolutely and forever

Eleventh Upon the death of my daughter Anna Bella the slaves and other property  
and the principal of any bonds she may receive as aforesaid including  
the principal of any bonds she may be entitled to, or receive under the  
seventh clause of this will. I give and bequeath to any issue she  
may leave surviving her absolutely and forever

Twelfth If any one or more of my said children Mary, Henry and Anna Bella  
shall die leaving no issue surviving him or her then all the property  
and the principal of any bonds by him or her received as  
aforesaid or to which he or she may be entitled as aforesaid shall  
go to and rest in the survivor or survivors of my said children  
and this condition is to cover not only the original share to which  
each child may be entitled but also any share received by right  
of survivorship or under the seventh clause of this will.

Thirteenth I hereby appoint William H. A. Williams guardian to my  
daughter Anna Bella and I desire that in the division of my  
estate as aforesaid any bonds I may hold against the said William  
or against John P. Williams or W. H. A. Cleary may be apportioned  
to my said daughter Anna Bella in part of her share of my  
estate as aforesaid

Fourteenth I give and bequeath to my executors herein after named the  
sum of one thousand dollars to be received by him for his services  
in the settlement of my estate on behalf of any amicorum  
or other charges against my estate for his services as executor

Fifteenth I hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law Jessie R.  
Hobbs minister of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all  
other wills and testaments hitherto made by me  
In witness whereof I Henry Williams have hereunto subscribed  
my hand and affixed my seal this tenth day of ~~March~~<sup>March</sup>, A.D. 1859  
Henry Williams

Signed sealed, published and  
~~witnessed~~ by the testator Henry  
Williams to be his last will and  
testament in presence of us who  
at his request and in his presence  
do subscribe our names as witnesses  
unto the same.

I. W. Bagley  
Wm. B. Lamer

The erasure of the word "Witness" and the insertion of "Subscribed"  
before the signing, sealing and delivery of the above instrument  
I. W. Bagley  
Wm. B. Lamer

State of North Carolina County of Mecklenburg Superior  
Mecklenburg County 3 January Term 1860

The due execution of the foregoing paper writing as the last  
will and testament of Henry Williams doth appear on open court by the  
testate of I. W. Bagley and W. B. Lamer the aforesaid witnesses and was  
ordained to be recorded whereupon J. R. Hobbs by the execution officer named  
was duly qualified as such by taking the prescribed oath of office  
Ordered that this paper be filed with the records of the office

Wm. H. Hamill C.R.