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In the name of God Amen!

I Richard Williams King of sound disposing mind and memory do make & ordain this my last will and testament, in manner & form following, viz. ~~that~~ will all my debts to be paid by my executor hereinafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Williams all my late buildings & improvements in the town of Williamston, and my late house at the Landing, and all my household and kitchen furniture only what I may hereafter leave to my three youngest children: my stock of any to him and his lawful heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Williams all my tract of Land adjoining the town of Williamston that I bought of Henry Burdette his day two hundred and sixteen and a half Acres be the same more or less, and our good Bed & furniture to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Williams one good Bed, furniture and our trunk.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Penelope Williams one good Bed, furniture and our trunk.

Item I have heretofore given my Daughter Elizabeth Davis one negro boy George & the Lot and building whereon my late ^{House} ~~House~~ stands, except the three Acres and fifteen yards, I also give her household furniture &c. the whole of which was to be valued eight hundred and fifty Dollars at the time of my death; And I now give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Davis the above mentioned property of eight hundred and fifty Dollars as an equivalent for the said Lot & given by me to her Brother Henry and William Williams so that said Money is not to be charged to her in the future.

Item I give and bequeath to my four youngest children Henry, Mary Williams & Penelope Williams the following sums before the general division of the money and best of my notes judgments &c. viz. say to each of them three thousand eight hundred and ninety two Dollars and fifty cents with interest from the 1st of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty one as an equivalent for a tract of Land I have given to my Daughter Elizabeth Davis. I also give my daughter Mary and Penelope Williams each eight hundred & fifty Dollars as an equivalent for their Brother's Real Estate and for the Negroes &c. before given Elizabeth Davis. It is my Will and desire of son William Williams his before he is twenty one, that my son Henry shall have all the Decedent's Real Estate by putting into Common Stock one thousand Dollars out of which he shall become a shareholder, and when so done for said Real Estate to be his and his heirs for ever, and not before. And the balance of my property of every description that I have not given away I wish to be equally divided among my five children and for the Negro to be divided by valuation, and after the notes Negroes &c.

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are divided as above stated then I wish my executor to give each his share or his part by each of them giving him bonds and security that they will pay their equitable part of any debts damages losses or expenses of all and every kind that the estate may suffer by reason of the title not being good, or as not or bad, and not being good unless it is neglected in the hands of such executor, and I do wish my executor to give up the property unless a bond is given for his safety as above stated. And I wish that my executor renew all my notes and take good security, if over a thousand Dollars two or more securities and in all cases make the debts safe or bring suit immediately without favor or affection. I wish my executor to be Guardian to my son William Williams & to be Guardian to Penelope Williams and to give security as the law directs and as Mary is near of Age I want Henry Williams to take charge of property until she can give him security. And for him to keep a Book and a statement of the all the business appertaining to the estate, and lastly, I ordain and appoint my son Henry Williams Executor to this my last Will and Testament, and leave it in the power of my executor or Guardian to have my goods out at public or private sale to good men ^{who ought to be} ~~them~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ provided they can get near the value always keeping them well clothed with food and blankets &c. and I also wish my executor to employ Counsel and assistance in all cases and for him to charge my Estate with the same.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal this 5th day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty two signed and attested to be my last Will and Testament in presence of the subscribing Witnesses.

(Signed) Richard Williams &c.

Test. Henry Williams

William Sartin

D. B. Perry

State of North Carolina, County and Quarters of the March Sessions 1826.

The above and foregoing paper Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Richard Williams was produced in open Court by Samuel Higon on oath of the subscribing Witnesses that of the date of the 5th day of October 1822, and proved by him who swore that he saw Richard Williams sign seal publish and acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament and he was when he signed the same of sound and disposing mind and memory: And he the said Higon signed the same with William Sartin and David B. Perry, as subscribing Witnesses thereto at the same time. And Henry Williams the Executor as named came into Court and qualified to execute the same according to the terms therein named.

Attest

Henry B. Hinton C.
By Perry & Sartin