

January Term 1844

State of Va.

Martin County

In the name of God I William A. Williams of the State and County aforesaid calling unto mind that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last Will & Testament, a manner and form as I shall hereafter mention.

First I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Williams the following piece or parcel of land, beginning at the corner of my Andersons dead, running thence by a Bottom on the east side of the main Branch, to the head of said Bottom, thence a straight line to a Cherry tree near the Allen new ground, thence a straight line to the Back land, between me and Rogers' land, thence along the said dividing line to the first station, to her this heirs & assigns forever.

Item I send unto my dear blood wife Polly Williams all the Land that bought of Henry M. Remond, & reserved her to the said James said Remond for the land, & the said also all the Land that I now live on - also all my Chiggers and all the rest of my property until the expiration of her life & hers during her natural life or until my son James Silvester Williams becomes twenty and years of age, and at the death of said Wife or at the age of James Silvester of twenty and years then the said property to be disposed of in the following manner viz -

My son William A. Williams Jr to have all the Land that I bought of Henry M. Remond, and my son James Silvester Williams to have all my land that I now live on - also a small tract I bought of Luke James & wife Lydia James to them & their heirs forever - also at the expiration term for all the balance of my property to be equally divided between my wife if living and my children that is Samuel Williams & William A. Williams Jr & James Silvester Williams to them & their heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Samuel Williams & William A. Williams Jr One cow and Calf each to them and their heirs forever.

Item It is my will and desire that William A. Remond the son of my wife to have one Bed & furniture also one cow & Calf at any time when he thinks proper to take them out of my Estate to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

Also at the death or at age of twenty and years of my son Silvester to have an equal share in all my property lands to my wife with the exception of my Land & Chiggers to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

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Lastly I do nominate & appoint my son Samuel C. Williams & Samuel Henry Williams & William A. Williams Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 11th day of October 1843.

William A. Williams & Seal
Signed, sealed & acknowledged in the presence of me
W. S. Woodard
Attest the Clerks
made

State of North Carolina

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The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. A. Williams deceased was produced and proved in open Court by the oath of W. S. Woodard a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded - Whereupon Samuel Williams one of the Executors named and authorized & confirmed his right to qualify as Executor & Samuel Henry and forward & qualified as Executors. - J. S. Rigg Clerk

In the name of God I Samuel Cockburn being of sound mind of lawful age of sound mind and memory thank God to God for this and do make this my last Will and Testament in the form and manner following, then I give to my son Albert Cockburn my coat and saddle - I also give to my son Special Cockburn one feather Bed & furniture. I also give to my son Stanley Sally one dollar - I also give the fourth part of the estate to my Grandchildren William Babbler and Sally C. Allen and Henry D. Selby and John A. Selby to be equal divided between them and after paying my just debts I leave the balance of the estate to be equally divided between my three sons Albert C. Cockburn Albert Cockburn and Special Cockburn - this the 18th day of September in the year of Lord, One thousand, Eight hundred and forty three

Attest
William A. Remond
William A. Williams

Henry Cockburn Seal

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The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel Cockburn was produced & proved in open Court by the oath of William A. Williams a subscribing witness thereto & ordered to be recorded.

J. S. Rigg Clerk