

65 In the Name of God Amen. I David Williams now in the  
State of Virginia & in the County of Rockbridge being in  
very low State of health at present by the afflicting hand of  
God, but blessed be his name that as yet enjoying a sound  
mind & a disposing memory & calling to mind the morta-  
lity of the body & that it is appointed for all men once to  
die. Make constestate & ordain this to be my last Will  
& Testament in the manner & form following Viz  
First & principally of all I give & bequeath my spirit  
to God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be bur-  
ied in a Christian like manner at the discretion  
of my executors here after mentioned Nothing doubting  
of the resurrection at the great day & still hoping to  
be accepted of & restored to the favour of God in & thro'  
Jesus Christ my Lord & Saviour - And as touching  
my worldly goods my will & pleasure is that they be  
disposed of in the following manner Viz

Item I give & bequeath to my affectionate & well beloved  
wife Phoebe Williams one hundred & thirty pounds in  
Money & the Brown Horse her own bed & furniture  
belonging to the same also all the paster that I am  
now bound up to be at her own disposal. Provided  
nevertheless that my will & pleasure is that my ever  
loving wife be assured only to have the sum of the  
hundred & thirty pounds aforesaid during her natural  
life & I trust & hope that my ever loving wife Phoebe  
Williams aforesaid will join with my soul in  
possessing of Land but the other articles to be her  
own forever - Item I give & bequeath to my daughter  
Elizabeth Williams fifty pounds & a new saddle  
Item I give & bequeath to my son George Williams one  
hundred pounds in Money - Item I give &  
bequeath to my son John Williams fifty pounds  
in Money & also to be sent to some trades by my exec.  
I give & bequeath to my son Jonathan Williams  
one hundred pounds in Money - Item I give &  
bequeath to my daughter Sarah Williams

Fifty pounds in money & a bed & furniture -  
 Then I give & bequeath to my son David Williams one  
 hundred pounds in Money - And my will & pleasure  
 is that the big black horse be sold & all the rest of  
 my estate not herein particularly mentioned to  
 remain in the hands of my Executors for the purpose  
 of educating & maintaining my children as far  
 as may be thought necessary by my Executors. & also  
 that if my ever loving wife Elizabeth should not  
 think proper to join with my sons in purchasing  
 land that then & in that case the hundred & thirty  
 pounds apiece to be equally divided among all my  
 children at my wife's death, but if my wife should  
 desire to join with my sons in purchasing land  
 lays out the hundred & thirty pounds that excess  
 then my will & pleasure is that each of my son  
 should have an equal share in the lands so  
 purchased at my wife's death, and also that the  
 money left to each of my daughters & my son future be paid  
 to interest until they come of age of majority, and lastly  
 I do constitute Ordain & appoint my trustee & will  
 before 2 brothers in law Charles & Samuel Ballou  
 to be my whole & sole Executors of this my last will &  
 Testament, and I now revoke, deny & refuse any will  
 or wills heretofore by me made, and I do now pronounced  
 & declare this & this only to be rev. as my last will  
 & Testament as it stands signed sealed pronounced &  
 declared by me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1777  
 Signed sealed & declared in the presence of

Robert Fawcett  
George Ballou

David Williams

In the name of God amen. The 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777  
 Year of our Lord 1776 I Harry Wells in the County  
 of Cheshire, being very sick & weak in body, but of  
 full mind & memory thanksgiving given unto God. Theref.