

In the name of God Amen!

I Thomas H. Williams of the County of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and publish this to be my last will and testament

First I desire and direct that all my property be kept together and my lands and slaves worked just as I have worked them in my lifetime in making Crops and turpentine until the first of January succeeding my death, and as much longer as may be necessary to harvest and prepare for market the last crop, and that the proceeds be applied to the proper and comfortable support of and maintenance of my family allowing to my wife so much ready money besides, as may be suitable and proper to her station in life in the discretion of my executor, and to the payment of my debts, and at that time the residue of the said proceeds, if any, after supporting my family and paying my debts shall be held by my executor as a common fund

Second At the ^{time} above mentioned, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife absolutely all my house hold and Kitchen furniture, and three Cow and calves, one horse and five Sows, all to be chosen by her; I also give and bequeath and devise to her during her life, or widowhood my Negro woman Molly to live with her and be employed about her, and not to be hired out, and also one third part of the lands and plantation where I reside known as my home place, including the tract known as the "Worlds place," and at the death or marriage of my wife, I give the woman Molly to my Son Quincy and the said third part of the said lands to my Son Gratton.

Third: At the said first of January succeeding my death I give and devise the other two thirds of my home place including the Worlds place to my Son Gratton; And I give and devise my Swampy Bar lands including the Ben-Larkins track and all my lands on the west side of Long Creek to my Son Dorsey.

Fourth I give and bequeath my library including all my books and pamphlets to my Son, Quincy and Thomas Henry equally

Fifthly At the above mentioned time I desire that all the rest of my perishable, or personal property except my Slaves, be sold by my executor, allowing them the privilege of selling my Stock of Cattle either during the summer or fall preceding said first of January, either at private or public Sale. And three thousand dollars

of the proceeds given equally to my four children, Quincy, Thomas, Cornelia and Emily to make them equal ~~with~~ to their brothers; if the said proceeds of the sales exceed three thousand dollars the excess is to be equally divided among wife and all my children, and if they fall short of three thousand dollars the deficiency is to be up to my said ^{four} children by my sons Gratton and Bruce when they shall arrive at age, in the proportion of two thirds by Gratton and one third by Bruce, and to be charged upon their lands respectively;

5th I direct that at said time, my wife shall have set apart her share of my negroes, except Molly, which I have heretofore willed to her; and that my wife shall if she chooses have any woman Else and Katy in her share, accounting for their value to the other shares and the balance of the negroes shall be hired out until my children become of age or marry, and I direct that my faithful servant Bacchus shall have the privilege of selecting the person to whom he ~~will~~ may be hired if a reasonable hire can be got for him in that way.

6th I give to my friend George Davis the custody and tuition of all my children, and I request my friend Saml H. Bell to apply to the proper Court and be appointed Guardian of their estates;

7th I desire and direct, that my sons be educated at Randolph Macon College in Virginia under the privilege of my Scholarship in that institution, and that my daughters be educated at St Mary's School in Raleigh unless in the future circumstances should render it improper or in any way disadvantageous to my children to be placed at those institutions and then I desire that they be educated at other institutions of at least equal character.

Finally, I constitute and appoint my friends George Davis and Saml H. Bell to be joint Executors of this my will. I empower and direct my Executors to sell my home place, heretofore willed to my wife and son Gratton provided the sum of twelve to fifteen thousand dollars can be obtained for the same, and in case of sale my will is that Commodore's house and lot suitable to the condition in life of my family be purchased in the town of Wilmington for them, my wife retaining in said house and lot the same rights which she may surrender if my home place is sold, and in case of the purchase of such house and lot my will is that ~~the~~ ^{the} death or

Marriage of my wife said house and lot shall belong
the property of my estate. and in case my house place
is sold then ~~third~~ as well as item second of this will
are annulled so far as they relate to my son Gratton.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 11th day of May A.D. 1858.

Signed, published and declared
by the testator, his last will,
in the presence of us who are
his presence, and in the
presence of each other and
at his request, have subscribed
the same as witnesses the words
fifteen" and "and to which each of
my children my being craved
before signing.

T. H. Williams (Seal)

J. S. Satchwell
James Garrison

Codicil to the will of Thomas H. Williams made May 11th
1858. And signed by him in the presence of James Garrison
and J. S. Satchwell as subscribing witnesses.

I hereby direct and empower my executors named in
said will, to sell the lands which I own on the west side
of Long Creek heretofore bequeathed to my son Bruce
under item third of said will, provided it can
be sold for about five thousand dollars, the proceeds to
be applied to my estate. In case of such sale. then
item fifth. so far as it directs my said son Bruce
to pay over one third is annulled. In witness
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1th I direct that at said time, my wife shall have set apart her share of my negroes, except Molly, which I have heretofore willed to her; and that my wife shall if she chooses have my woman Elsey and Katy in her share, accounting for their value to the other shares and the balance of the negroes shall be hired out until my children become of age or marry. And I direct that my faithful servant Bacchus shall have the privilege of setting the person to whom he ~~will~~ may be hired if a reasonable hire can be got for him in that way.

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Signed, published and declared
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Codicil to his last will
in the presence of us who
have witnessed the same at
his request

J. S. Satchwell
James Garrison

In and among County Court Sept Term, 1838
 This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of Thomas H. Williams is exhibited in open court and offered
 for probate, and is duly proved by the oaths of S. S. Satchell &
 James Garrison the subscribing witnesses thereto, and as such
 considered by the Court to be and contain the last will and
 Testament of said Thomas H. Williams. at the same
 time the Codicil thereto was duly proved by the same
 witnesses, and considered by the Court to be a Codicil &
 a part of said will. and considered by the
 Court. both the Codicil and the will sufficient to
 convey the th bequests therein made ~~and~~ ^{and} the will
 with the Codicil thereto attached be registered and filed
 at the same time S. H. Bell one of the executors
 therein named appeared in open Court and was
 duly qualified according to law. George Davis
 the other executor therein named appeared in open
 Court and renounced his executorship which
 was record by the Court.

Samuel Bunting clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Henry W Willy of the County of Stur Warener and State of North Carolina, being of Sound ~~and~~ Mind and Memory, But considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First, that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts.

Item I give to my beloved wife anny all of my tract of land whenow I now live during her natural life I here insert a clause in this Item that in the event that she and my family think it prudent to sell and purchase other lands for the better support of the family in that event I vest all power in my beloved wife to make a right to any purchases any time within her lifetime

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary A. Shepard
 one negro woman named Ginny together with her family
 of children or the increase of her body, so here and to
 hold to her and heirs and assigns forever.

Now I give and bequeath unto my grand son Henry W. Shippen
 two negro men named Ned and Edward to have and to hold
 unto him his heirs and assigns forever.

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New Hanover County Court Sept Term 1838
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Samuel Bunting Clerk

In the name of God Amen, I Henry W. Nelly of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, being of Sound ~~and~~ Mind, and Memory. But considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, I do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to Say.

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