

Polly Whites Will

KNOW all men that I Polly White of Southampton County and State of North Carolina being sick and full of sound mind and memory do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

I give devise and bequeath unto my two Sisters Catharine and Peggy White all my request to them and their heirs desiring that they should use their endeavours for their enlargement and release from oppression. The remaining part of my estate I have to be equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sisters, and half of said estate to be paid and appraised by my uncle John Lawrence my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 23rd day of the month month (called July)

1796 -

Polly White

Elizabeth Graham

John Lawrence Sen.
Richd Lawrence Sen.In
Polly & White's presence
madeAt Southampton County N.C.
September Court 1796.

This Will of Polly White do was published in Court and duly proved by the affirmation of John Lawrence senior one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Recorded to be (Collected) and Recorded at Southampton John Lawrence the Executor therein named was qualified according to Law.

Witness
E. Haynes. 66.

John Williards Will

BE it known to all men that these presents shall come that John Williards of Southampton County and State of North Carolina being sick and full of sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of our nature and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

I give devise and bequeath unto my son David Williards the Land and Plantation that I purchased of William Brown containing five hundred and fifty acres and to the same more or less reference to said Brown's Deed will more fully appear to him and his heirs forever. I also give devise and bequeath unto my son David Williards a tract of Land lying on the same river containing two hundred acres to the same more or less reference to John Williards patent will more fully appear to him and his heirs forever.

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I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Williards the Land and Plantation in the Meadows when I formerly lived containing four hundred and fifty acres and to the same more or less reference to said Brown's Deed will more fully appear to him and his heirs forever. I also give devise and bequeath unto my son John Williards a tract of Land lying in the meadows containing One hundred fifty acres that my Father John Williards purchased of one Holland reference to said Holland's Deed will more fully appear to the same more or less to him and his heirs forever.

I leave my wife Rosetta Williards the use of the Lands and Plantation wherein I now dwell during her natural life.

I give devise and bequeath unto my son James Williards (after his mother's death) the Land Plantation wherein I now dwell containing five hundred and ninety two acres reference to John D. White's Deed will more fully appear to him and his heirs forever.

It is my Will that my estate should be kept together at the discretion of my Executors (that my debts may be paid and for the support of my wife and children) until David Williards arrives to the age of twenty one, at which time it is my will & desire that my Executors make an equal division of the remainder of my estate not before given away together with the profits of said estate that may come to their hands between my wife Rosetta Williards, David, John and James Williards.

It is my will and desire that if my wife should marry before David Williards comes to the age of twenty one that my Executors make the same division, and in as full a manner as though David Williards was of lawful age.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Benjamin Hare Joseph White and David Dickinson Executors of this my last Will and Testament nothing and disavowing all other Will or Wills by me made and as there to be taken for my last Will and Testament. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand

and

127 and affixed my Seal this 16th day of March 1796
Signed sealed and acknowledged
In presence of us — John Willard Esq Seal

Wm Graham
James Bony
John D. White
Saml Thorne

Northampton County Va
September Court 1796

Then this Will of John

Hilliard du & was proved on the Oath of Zephaniah
Graham whereupon Joseph White & David Dickinson
two of the Counters therein named was duly qualified
Ordered to be Certified & Recorded —

Witness
C. Haynes Esq

Nicholas Edmunds's Will

In the name of God Amen Whereas I Shown there is a time season
a later for all men to depart this life as such make their last
will and Testament I being in perfect health sound memory —

Item I leave my body to be buried in a Christian like form Opposite my
seat to him who gave it

Item I give to my beloved wife Susannah our former bed Chamber likewise
our new Dressing room and bed Chamber and all the new
nine such sitting chairs twelve earthen plates ten little dishes some
kisses I give that I have at present one washing tub and one waste
pail one pair of flat Iron one large chest and large paper cloth
box and one hundred pounds of Cotton in the yard likewise a
parcel of flax and flax stand that is now housed —

Item Showing my beloved wife Susannah to be at this time pregnant
my desire is of descent of a Son his Christian name may be Howell
and if twins both male one female and the other Nicholas but
should it so turn out that she should be delivered of a Son &
Daughter both at the same birth the son as before mentioned to
be Howell & the Daughter Lucy and if two Daughters one Lucy
and the other Sarah

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Item My desire is after my decease that my Negro Man Dick my
Negro Girl Sarah the slaves of my Negro butler Ross ten further
his Executors my Dear Son a small collection of Books of different
characters and all the remaining part of my Household Furniture &
plantation should be sold to pay my just debts and the
balance if any to be conveyed to the one hereafter mentioned —

Item I leave the use of my plantation whereas I now live and my Negroes
but Allen Sarah Bunting and Kate to my beloved wife during
her widowhood or until the infant or infants she appears to be
pregnant with come to the age of maturity

Item After that time my wife and desire is if a Son or Daughter
singular to inherit the whole and sole of my property that is
not willed away only a general maintenance for their mother during
during her natural life or widowhood if it should so happen
that she should be delivered of a Male or Female twins and
they arrive to the years of maturity my desire is that my
property should be equally divided between them but if either
should decease the surviving one to have the whole but if it
should so chance to be she should be delivered of twins one
a Male the other a female my Will is that the Male Child
have all my Land and half my other property of all kinds
and the female the other half the property to be valued
by three good and lawful freeholders to be chosen by my
Executors if neither of the children if more than one is if
but one do not arrive to years of maturity my Will and
desire is that my Negro Girl Sarah and her increase should
be added to my beloved wife Susannah's gift and that she
dispose of them at her pleasure and the remaining part of my
property to be valued and my Executors keep the same in their hands
until the three illegitimate children come of age that Sarah children
son and daughter to my charge and to be equally divided between them
except my Land & the increase of my Negroes from this day which I
desire may be disposed of as follows Write —

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