

on the lands I have given them & the Household Furniture I have given them.

I give & bequeath to my three grand children all the stock of Horses & cattle & on the lands I have given them.

I will & desire that all the balance of my Estate after paying my debts may be legally divided into five parts amongst all my children & if either of them should be dead, that their children should be added to the same; I appoint my Brother John & William Eden & William John & William Jr. & William & James & Bruce Executors of my last Will & Testament & to act in the same without giving security; I earnestly call the attention of my Executors to the expense care & attention of my daughter & her children. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 1846

Witness  
James Vincent,  
J. B. Putney  
Esqrs.

Northampton County Court 1846

On motion the last Will & Testament of William R. Wilkins dec'd is ordered to be admitted to probate the same having been duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of James Vincent & Edmund Jones Subscribing Witnesses thereto to have been duly executed by the Testator when he was of sound mind & disposing memory according to Law & thereupon the said Will is admitted to probate on the proofs aforesaid & Humphrey John & Wilkins Jr. one of the Executors named in said last Will & Testament, is permitted to qualify as such. Which he did accordingly. Ordered that the Will be recorded.

Teste Wm. Bottom Clerk

### Dorothy Benns Will

I Dorothy Benns of the County of Northampton and State of Massachusetts do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows

1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish that my Ex<sup>r</sup> shall first read such a will over my grave as he may think proper and then divide my grave and my husband in a just and manner and the expense to be paid out of my Estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I leave to my Mother Nancy Davis two negroes. New David & one bond the

the first choice during her life and at her death to My C. Edwards. The said negroes are to be held by my Ex<sup>r</sup> or a trustee and the profits arising therefrom to be paid to my Mother Annely; in case my Mother should survive her husband (Sterling Davis) then she can take the said negroes in possession during her life.

3<sup>rd</sup> I leave to Nonpareance Jane wife of Jenkins two negroes Sarah and Jim during her life but if she should have a lawful heir of her body then she is to have said negroes and in case as aforesaid.

4<sup>th</sup> I give to Benjamin J. Benson son of J. H. Benson negro man Elias to him and his heirs forever.

5<sup>th</sup> I give to My C. Edwards the following negroes Dennis, Dice, Hannah, Ann, Easter & Solomon to him and his heirs forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I leave to my Sister Mary Davis the second choice of my bonds during her life and at her death to My C. Edwards but if she should survive her father (Sterling Davis) then to his heirs.

7<sup>th</sup> I give to Philip Parker my Brother & Sister Landlot to her and her heirs forever.

8<sup>th</sup> I give to Sally Parker wife of Willie Parker a piece of Lattin which I have containing eighteen yards.

9<sup>th</sup> I give to Mary Sartin fifty dollars for services rendered.

10<sup>th</sup> It is my wish for the balance of my property to be sold and my just debts paid and if there is any balance it is my wish first to go to My C. Edwards to him and his heirs forever.

I nominate and appoints Chas. Magel Ex<sup>r</sup> to my last will & Testament.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Witness  
R. F. Northington  
Solomon Hy

Dorothy Benn

Northampton County December Court 1846.

This last Will & Testament of Dorothy Benn dec'd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the Oath of R. F. Northington one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto. On Motion it is ordered that the Will be certified. Whereupon Charles Magel the Executor therein named qualified at the Law Direct.

Teste Wm. Bottom Clerk