

Williamsburgh district) In the name of God Amen I John Keels
of the district and state aforesaid planter being in health of
body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding
praised be God for the same do make this my last will and tes-
tament in manner following. I give and bequaeth unto my beloved
wife Mary Keels negro slaves, Elsey cain Sary & her two chil-
dren betty and washington with the future issue and increase
of the females one horse and riding chair and one bed & furni-
ture all in lieu and bar of dower to her and her heirs forever
Item---To my sons To wit Peter R. Keels James W. Keels Richard
T Keels and Robert F Keels I give and devise the whole of my
real Estate to be equally divided among them share and share
alike to them their heirs and Assigns forever Item--- To my only
daughter Mary Maria Keels I give and bequeath the choice of a
negro girl to be selected by her from among the residue of my
negroes not herein already bequeathed to her and her heirs forever
Item---All the rest and residue of my personal Estate I give and
bequeath to my said children to be equally distributed among
them Share and Share alike without any other or further dis-
crimination to them and their heirs forever--- Item--- It is
however my will and desire that should any of my said children
die leaving no children that then and in that case the share
or portion which they may have received of my said Estate by
virtue of this my last will and testament shall go to and be
equally divided among my said Children surviving----- And I
do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said two sons Peter
R Keels and James W Keels executors of this my last will and
testament hereby. revoking and making void all and every other
will or wills at any time heretofore by me made and do declare
this to be my last will and testament----- In witness whereof
I the said John Keels have herewith set my hand and seal this

WILL OF JOHN KEELS

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twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and in the forty second year of the Sovereignty and independence of the United States of America-----

John Keels (SEAL)

Signed Sealed declared
and published by the
above named John
Keels as & for his Last
will and testament in the
presence of us who at his
request & in his presence
have Subscribed our names
as Witnesses thus to

Benjamin Blanchard

Wm F. Blanchard

Wm H McDonald

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Recorded 1st day December 1820

David McClary Ordinary Williamsburgh District

Apt 16

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