137 Williams Will

I William Williams of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother Robert Williams and his heirs forever one negro man named Martin. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved friend Burwell Barnett and his heirs forever Ten dollars Cash. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Emma Williams and her heirs forever the whole of my land & plantation tenement and the whole of my property of all kinds that shall remain after the debts & legacies are paid off. And lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Emma Williams the whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills or wills heretofore made by me and acknowledging this & this only to be my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this twelfth day of November one thousand Eight hundred and seventy four

Signed sealed and acknowledged (interlining before signing)

In presence of
John Moore
John Forbes
Hansel Joyner
Jesse Joyner

William Williams (Seal)

At a court held for the County of Southampton the 17th January 1879 This last will and Testament of William Williams was proved by the oath of John Moore & Hansel Joyner and Jesse Joyner three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Emma Williams the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto and together with Harrison Joyner and Lewis C. Joyner her securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

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Jesse Bridgers Will

Being desirous to have my little business in a settled state I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament which I am perfectly sane. Item I leave to my nephew Jesse Joyner my bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. 2nd My will and desire is that all the notes which I may die possessed of shall be equally divided between my 2 nephews Hansel Joyner and Jesse Joyner to them and their heirs forever. 3rd I give and bequeath to Hansel Joyner all the new cloth of which I die possessed to him and his heirs forever. 4th I leave and give to Mahala Joyner daughter of Harrison Joyner my large Bible. 5th & Lastly I leave and give to Emma Williams all the remaining part of my property including my debts which are to be disposed of as she thinks best, paying my debts after paying funeral and other expenses which will very scarcely accrue. Given under my hand & seal this 25th day of April 1879

Signed sealed & acknowledged

Sylvanus Bridgers (Seal)
his mark

In the presence of
Moses Parker
Jesse Parker
Mary her mark Bridgers

Southampton County January Court 1879 This last will and Testament of Sylvanus Bridgers deceased having been proved on the oath of Jesse Parker one of the witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded. And at a Court held for Southampton County the day of February 1879 On the motion of Jesse Joyner who made oath and together with Harrison Joyner and William Lewis his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted the said Jesse Joyner for obtaining letters of administration on the said Testator's Estate which he will afterward administer in due form

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