

for any over it to be equally divided between those already named,
I do constitute and appoint my friends Joshua Preston and John C. Summrell,
my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and testament, born under my hand and seal
this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
two

signed seal and

acknowledged in the presence of

Josiah D. M. Delth

William H. Summrell

I wish for the witness to have four dollars @ piece

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the County of Southampton on the 8th day of
Nov^r 1844. A Writing purporting the last will and testament of John Williamson bearing date
the twentieth day of November 1842 was this day produced in Court by John C. Summrell in order
to be proved and Mary Biddle appeared by her attorney and opposed the proof of the said
will. Whereupon divers witnesses were sworn and examined and the facts by their counsel
fully heard. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said John
Williamson deceased at the time of executing the writing aforesaid bearing date the twentieth day
of November 1842 was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he was under no
undue influence. And William H. Summrell the surviving witness to the said writing having
testified in Court that the said John Williamson acknowledged the same in his presence as his
Will and that he subscribed his name as a witness thereto in the presence of the testator and
that the said testator was sound mind and memory as far as known or believed. And Josiah
D. M. Delth the other subscribing witness to the said writing being dead. Richard W. Swallow
and John C. Swallow being sworn deposed and say that they are well acquainted with the hand
writing of the said Josiah D. M. Delth and that the signature as witness to the said
writing is in the foregoing hand writing of the said Josiah D. M. Delth. Whereupon it is
ordered that the said writing be recorded as the last will and testament of the said
John Williamson deceased and the Executors named in the said will refusing to take upon
themselves the burden of the execution thereof. On the Motion of Edwards Butts who had
suits and together with George A. W. Newson and Benjamin Devaux his securities (who justified
according to law) entered into and acknowledged @ bond in the penalty of Twelve thousand
dollars conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted them for obtaining letters of administration
on the said decedent's Estate with his will aforesaid annexed in due form

Teste J. R. Edwards Clk.

John Williamson
Admin^r account

The Estate of John Williamson

On account with Edwards Butts Administrator.

1845			Cl	De	Sub
January	1	To amt. paid L. H. Holmes appraiser & clerk		71	00
	"	" " Joshua Preston "		1	00
	"	" " J. S. Qualtrough "		1	00
	"	" " John C. Williamson for corn		3	00
	"	" " account w. for cryer		5	00
	"	" " Shugars Quin Clerk at hiring		1	00
Sept	10	By amt. sales due this day.	553	08	
		To amt. paid Taxes and fees &c		29	20
	11	" " " A. W. Holliman bond in part		25	38
	"	" " " Thomas & Adams " &c		38	29