

and if one of them shall die under age and without issue, then I give the share of such deceased child to the survivor, and if both shall so die unmarried, under age and without issue, I give one third of the property so given, to them to my wife in absolute property, and the other two thirds to my half brother James Cooper.

Item, It is my will and desire that my executor out of my estate, shall support & educate my half brother James Cooper, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars a year, until he is twenty one years of age.

Item, I give to my wife Caroline Williams, my Parson's and heron's two beds and clothes of her choice and any other articles of furniture which she may select.

Item, I hereby appoint my friend John Y. Mason testamentary guardian to my two children Rosa and Joseph, and I hereby nominate and appoint him executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of September in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty three

Signed, published and acknowledged in our presence,
and as advised in his presence as the testator's request

Richard W. Williams (Test)

Thos. J. Turner

Thos. Payne

Codicil. I Richard W. Williams do make the following codicil to my foregoing will as a part thereof. It is my will and desire that my half brother shall die leaving no child. I give to my wife Caroline all the property which he may have derived from the death of my children, as it is my intention that no part of my estate shall go into his hands, & descend to his Father or his relations on the part of his father. September 24th 1843.

Witness

Thos. J. Turner

Richard W. Williams (Test)

Thos. Payne

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th day of November 1843
The last will and Testament of Richard W. Williams dec'd and the Codicil thereto connected was produced by the oaths of Thomas J. Turner and Thomas Payne the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of John Y. Mason the Executor therein named who made oath and together with Nathaniel J. Williams & James D. Mafford his co-executors entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of Fifty thousand dollars, conditioned according to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

Teste J. R. Edwards Clk

Robert J. Rice
Will

In the Name of God Amuv. I Robert J. Rice of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being of perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament and do dispose of my property in the following manner. To wit, 1st It is my wish and desire that my just debt be immediately paid.

2nd I give and bequeath to my aunt Matilda Chapman my negro girl Topsy and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

3rd I give and bequeath to my uncle William M. Holmes my negro boy Isaac by his paying one hundred dollars to my uncle Joel Edwards of North Carolina.

4th I lend to my aunt Emma Davis my negro girl Rosa during her life, and at her death I give the said girl to the children of my aunt Virginia Sniffen.