of my grand children. I wish the court to appoint some good man to take charge of it & let them have it as they need it, as I give it to them to raise and educate them.

And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my son Cuthbert S. Barham, executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. Signed, sealed, published and delivered as and for the last will and testament of the above named Samuel Barham (Seal)

In the presence of us.

Benjn. B. Everett
N. G. Nevers
Thos. J. Wilson

At a Court held for the County of Southampton, the 21st day of February 1853. This last will and testament of Samuel Barham dec'd was this day produced to the Court, proved by the oaths of Benjamin B. Everett and N. G. Nevers, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Cuthbert S. Barham the executor therein named who made oath and gave bond and security according to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste, L. R. Edwards, C.C.

Thornton In the name of God, Amen! I, William Thornton of the County of Southampton being in my perfect senses do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth (viz:)

Imprimis, I give unto my beloved wife Rebecca Thornton two negro men, Miles and Matt, which negroes she had when I married her, I bequeath unto her choice of all my hogs, Sixty barrels of corn, Six thousand pounds of fodder, fifteen hundred pounds of pork, Six silver table spoons, and Six silver teaspoons, one Bureau, looking Glass &c. One gold watch she now wears, two cows and calves, two sows and pigs, one yoke of oxen, of wheels. I likewise lend unto my said wife the land and plantation on which we now live called the Retreat, which I purchased of William N. Mason and the following negroes, to wit: Delia & her child Bob, Ofeola, Lucy, Jedah, Mesura, & Woody, my Barouch, Robert and Landy. my Buggy without Name, during her natural life. I likewise lend to my said wife as much of the household and kitchen furniture as she may wish to keep with the exception of my Secretary and book case this piece of furniture I give to my son William S. Thornton, I wish my books equally divided between all my children with the exception of such as my wife may think proper to keep during her life and at her death divide them as above.

Item. I give to my son William S. Thornton, one negro woman Malinda. and the 6 or two small pieces of land near Mrs Jenkins likewise all the Interest I hold in the estate held by Mrs. Winny Pettway or others, which I purchased of Lucy Pettway, one of the legatees of the above estate, together with the other things devised to him all to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Eliza A. Wynne, the following negroes and their future increase to wit: Darkney, Fitton, Anderson & Reuben, in addition to what I have formerly given her all to her and her heirs forever.