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appeared this seventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty
two and in the seventh year of American Independence
W^m Thornton (Seal)

A public held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of February 1853.
This writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William
Thornton dec^d, was this day produced to the Court and there
being no subscribing witnesses thereto, W^m Parsons and Jesse Hargrave
being sworn, severally deposed and said that they are well acquainted
with the handwriting of the said William Thornton dec^d, and that they
believe that the writing and the same thereto are wholly
in the proper handwriting of the said W^m Thornton dec^d. Whereupon
the said writing is ordered to be regarded as the true last will and
testament of the said William Thornton dec^d. And on the motion of
W^m Thornton the executor therein named who made oath and gave
bond according law, (without security, the will directing that none
should be required of him.) Certificate is granted him for
obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Teste,

L. R. Edwards, C. C.

Williams In the name of God, Amen: I, Elizabeth S. R. Williams of the County of
Southampton, State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do
decline this to be my last will and testament, in form as follows:
1st It is my will and desire after the payment of all my just debts
that my two sisters Virginia Butt and Cornelia Williams should have and receive
the whole of my property both real and personal to them and their heirs forever.
And in case either one of them should die without children the portion of the one dying
to go to the survivor. In the event that either or both of my said sisters should
marry, it is my father's will and desire that the property and interest hereinbefore
given them should be retained by them for their own proper use and benefit
free from the use and control of their husbands or husbands. And if both of
my sisters before named should die without lawful issue the whole of
the property and interest hereinbefore given, I give and bequeath to the
children of my brother Anthony M. Williams. But the acceptance of
one or both of my said sisters of this bequest is to be upon the express
condition that they or either of them thus accepting shall afford to my father
Spratley Williams during his natural life a comfortable home and a decent
support. And it is understood that he is to have the direction and management of the
estate so far as may be practicable in order to secure to him the benefit
above intended for him.

2nd I hereby constitute and appoint my father Spratley Williams, Executor
of this my will and testament. Signed under my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1853.
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of

A. J. Simmons
George A. Hines
M. S. Goodwyn.

Elizabeth S. R. Williams

A public held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of February 1853.
This last will and testament of Elizabeth S. R. Williams dec^d, was this day
proved by the oaths of A. J. Simmons and M. S. Goodwyn, two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

L. R. Edwards, C. C.