

In the name of God, Amen. I James B. Williams, of the County of Southampton, State of Virginia, being in sound mind, do make and hereby ordain this as my last Will and Testament, revoking any and all other Wills I may have heretofore made.

In the first place, after paying all my just debts, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah Anne Rebecca Williams the whole of my estate both real and personal, and in this bequest I include my negro boy Wmmy. I give the same to her in fee simple, to hold in her own right as she may think proper.

Item 2^d I wish my wife to administer after my death on my estate, if she deems it best to do so, and that my estate shall be settled as soon as it can lawfully be so. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 7th day of February 1861.

Witness

James B. Williams (Seal)

Thos J. Brister

R. M. Clayton

W. Binger

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To William R. Butler a Justice of the Peace for the County of Southampton. Know you that we trusting to your fidelity and providing circumstances examining Thos J. Brister a witness attesting the will of James B. Williams deceased, have caused and require you, that at such certain day and place as you shall appoint the witness aforesaid before you, you call and cause to come before you and diligently examine on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, touching the execution of the said will, and his attestation same, and his examination into our County, County of Southampton County, distinctly and plainly without delay, you shall send and certify enclosed returning also this writ, together with the said will. Witness Littleton R. Edwards Clerk of our said County at the Court house this 17th day of March 1873 in the 97 year of the Commonwealth.

G. R. Edwards Clerk

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17th day of March A.D. 1873. A writing purporting the last will and testament of James B. Williams dec^d was produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of R. M. Clayton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it appearing to the Court that W. Binger another of the subscribing witnesses is dead, and that Thos J. Brister the only other subscribing witness is found sick and unable to attend the Court it is ordered that a Commission to take the deposition of the said Thos J. Brister be issued annexed to the said will, and directed to William R. Butler a Justice of the Peace authorizing him to take and certify the attestation of said witness. And at a Court held for the said County on the 21st day of April 1873 the last will and testament was proved by the oath of Thos J. Brister one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and having been previously proved by the oath of R. M. Clayton another subscribing witness thereto, is ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Sarah Anne Williams the Executrix therein named, who made oath according to law, and together with R. M. Stephenson of James M. Williams, her securities (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one hundred dollars, conditioned according to law, which bond is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Sarah Anne Williams, for obtaining a probate of the said Will, in due form.

Done,

G. R. Edwards Clerk