

knows her residence and she is at liberty at any time to give to
any of my children not exceeding one sixth part of my estate that
remains after my debts are paid, which includes my five children
to Simmons Newsum, David P. Newsum, James P. Newsum, John
Newsum, Dorothy Newsum and Mary's Pitts; but in case my
wife do fail to make distribution in her life time then at
her death my will and desire is that it be equally divided
between the above mentioned legatees & further desire that in case
Mary P. Pitts should die under age without lawfull issue
that what might be given for her to her of my estate return
to my five children above mentioned, and lastly I do appoint
my beloved wife Mary Newsum and my son Simmons Newsum
executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others before made. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this sixteenth
day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighteen
Signed sealed and delivered *Wm Newsum*

in presence of
Randolph Newsum
James Newsum
Solomon D Parker

Williams Newsum

At a court held for the county of Southampton
the 16th day of February 1818 This will was presented to Court by
Simmons Newsum one of the executors theron named, proved by
the oaths of Randolph Newsum, James Newsum and Solomon D
Parker the witness thereto & ordered to be recorded. And on
the motion of the said executor who made oath according to
law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat stamp
in due form on his giving bond & security. Whereupon the said
executor with Matthew Parker & Randolph Newsum his securities
entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of fifteen
thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs.

John Williams

J. Williams
Wife

In the name of God Amen I John Williams of Southampton
County State of Virginia being weak in body at present but
of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to the
Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the
mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed
for all to die I do make and ordain this my last will and
testament Vizt first of all I desire that all my debts
and funeral charges be paid and discharged
Item I lend to my beloved wife Mary Williams during her
life or widowhood one third part of my land and plantation
two negroes two mares and all the personal estate which I
now possess except two feather beds and furniture