

Will and Testament
Will

In the name of God amen I Richard Williams of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being sick and weak of body but of sound disposing mind and memory as this day made and publish this my last will and testament and give full power By First my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named shall take full power of paying as having due and best for the purpose of paying my just debts at his discretion

Item I send unto my beloved wife Martha Williams one third part of my land during her natural life to be set apart to her use and adjoining my present dwelling house I also send unto her one third part of my present estate during her natural life such as may be left after paying my just debts

Item My Will and desire is that the other remaining two thirds of my Estate both real and personal be kept together and sold for the purpose of educating and maintaining my three children William Williams David Williams and Richard Williams until my daughter Rebecca Williams arrives at the age of twenty one years or married at which time my Will and desire is that the whole my property both real and personal then in the hands of my Executor be equally divided between the then before mentioned children or each of them as may decide so that that time should Rebecca be before the arrival at the age of twenty one year or married then my wish is that the property be then kept together for the use and benefit of the other two children until David arrives at the age of twenty one then to be equally divided between David and Richard should the whole of my property between Rebecca David and Richard during and during the term of their body then and in that case I give the whole of my property both real and personal to William El Barnd son of Rebecca El Barnd to him and his heirs forever including that which I have lent to my wife during her life as well that which I have given my children

Item My Will and desire is that the property which I have lent to my wife both real and personal at her death be equally divided between my three surviving children and should there be neither of them living at her death or neither of them have left on of their body then I give it to William Barnd as before directed

My Will and desire is that should my Executor hereafter named deem it most proper at any time to find out my surplus and rent out my land for the purpose before mentioned that he be fully authorized of his discretion to do And my wish is that he exercise his own discretion in keeping them together or having of renting out My further Will is that of any surplus act done only and cannot be construed that he be fully authorized to do and dispose of them at his discretion Lastly I do nominate and appoint my friend Colton El Barnd as my Executor to this my last will and Testament and being all other acts by me herebefore made and declaring this to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1823

George W. Edmunds

Richard Williams (Seal)

John. Riggins

John. Barnd

Wm. Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15th February 1824 That Will was presented and read by William W. Barnd the Executor there named proved by the oaths George W. Edmunds John Riggins and John Barnd the witnesses thereto and sworn to be true And on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according to Law and spoke so granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security to the said John W. Barnd together with Richard Barnd and Edmunds Roberts his joint and several obligors to the said probate their bond in the penalty of £1000 and costs and fees at the Law done

Attest James Roberts Ck.

James Barnd
Will

In the name of God amen I James Barnd of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being sick and weak of body but of sound disposing mind and memory thanks to God and to God alone for the same calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and testament that is to say Recommend and give my soul to God and my body to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of all might God and so trusting I shall early state in the presence of God to his pleasure and to his glory and to the glory of the Son in the glorious manner and form by

Item I send to my beloved wife Rebecca Barnd four negroes named Esther Dora Parson and Tom and three cows to her during her natural life or widowhood and also land my wife one bed and furniture such as she thinks proper to put on at the expense of my estate of sale third to my will and desire but if should be sold and after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid the say debts that the same should be devoted to the use of schooling my daughter Rebecca Rogers Barnd