

Margaret Williams  
Will

Received October  
Term 1861.



In the name of God amen I Margaret Williams of the County of Duplin and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First That my Executors (hereinafter mentioned) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a parcel or part of my estate

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Nephew Charles Francis Williams all my negroes viz Laster Harriet Eliza John George Henry & Abram and their increase, to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeathe to my brother Francis Williams five dollars

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Brother Branch Williams five dollars

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Brother Harper Williams five dollars



Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Brother  
Robert Williams heirs five dollars  
Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Brother James  
Williams heirs five dollars  
Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to my Brother Blaney  
Williams heirs five dollars  
Item 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to the heirs of my  
sister Polly Cooper five dollars  
Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to the heirs of my  
sister Sarah Pidgeon five dollars  
Item 10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to the heirs of my  
sister Patience Hunter five dollars  
Item 11<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeathe to the heirs of my  
sister Rosa Cooper five dollars  
Item 12<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that all the resi-  
due of my estate (if any) after ~~paying~~<sup>paying</sup> my debts and  
the legacies above mentioned shall go to my Nephew  
Charles Francis Williams  
And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my  
Brother Francis Williams and my Nephew  
Charles Francis Williams my lawful executors  
to all intents and purposes to execute this my  
last Will and Testament according to the true  
intent and meaning of the same and every  
part and clause thereof - hereby revoking and  
declaring utterly void all other wills and testam-  
ents by me heretofore made In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
April A.D. 1857  
Margaret X Williams Seal



Signed sealed published and declared by the said  
Margaret Williams to be her last will and testament  
in presence of us who at her request and in her presence  
do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John Stanford  
D. M. McEntire

State of North Carolina.

Duplin County Court, October Term 1861.

The foregoing and within paper writing  
purporting to be the last will and testament  
of Margaret Williams deceased is exhibited  
in open Court for Probate and is duly proved  
by the oaths of John S. Stanford and David  
M. McEntire, the subscribing witnesses  
thereto. It is therefore considered and adjudged  
by the Court, that the said paper writing is  
the last will and testament of the said  
Margaret Williams deceased and sufficient  
in law to pass the real and personal  
Estate therein devised and bequeathed.

Therefore Francis Williams and Charles  
F. Williams the Executors therein named  
duly qualified as such and enters into  
bond according to law.

Test John S. Whithead Clk