

Will of Richard Williams Lunenburg Co. Virginia Oct 1 1769 -

I, Richard Williams of Lunenburg, planter To my son Nicholas Williams - that half of my land which lies off from the Reedy Creek and up my great branch, which shall be a dividing line bounded by Hamlin, my brother Lazarus Williams. If Nicholas should die without lawful issue, then the land to revert to my son Eldred Williams. If Eldred also dies without lawful issue, then the land to go to my son William Williams .

I also give Nicholas (immediately) 2 cows & calves, a heifer, 1 gray colt, 2 breeding cows & lambs, 1 good feather bed & furniture, & 1 saddle & bridle, and I lend him my Negro boy called Sam, which he has now in possession until my youngest daughter comes to the age of 18 years or marries.

To my son Daniel Williams (when he comes to the age of 21) - 2 cows & a heifer, a young horse or mare fit for use, 2 breeding sows, 2 ewes & lambs, 1 good feather bed & furniture, and 1 saddle & bridle. I also lend him my Negro boy called Ned until my youngest daughter is 18 years old. I also give Daniel the other half of my land which lies on Reedy Creek whereon my plantation now is. If Daniel dies without lawful issue, the land and plantation reverts to my son William. If William also dies without issue, the land to go to my son Eldred Williams.

To my son Eldred Williams - 50 Pounds in lieu of land. But if, by the death of my elder son Nicholas, Eldred should enjoy his land, then the 50 Pounds shall return to my son William. I also give Eldred (when he comes to the age of 21 years) 2 cows & calves, a heifer, a young horse or mare fit for use, 2 breeding sows, 2 ewes & lambs, 1 good feather bed & furniture, & 1 saddle & bridle. I also lend him one Negro (chosen by my executors) until my youngest daughter is 18 years old or marries.

To my son William Williams - 50 Pounds in lieu of land. But if, by the death of my son Daniel, William should enjoy his land, then the 50 L shall return to my son Eldred. I also give William (when he comes to the age of 21 years) 2 cows & calves, a heifer, a young horse or mare fit for use, 2 breeding sows, 2 ewes & lambs, 1 good feather bed & furniture, & 1 saddle & bridle. I also lend him one Negro (chosen by my executors) until my youngest daughter is 18 years old or marries.

To my daughter Ann - I have given to my daughter Ann on her marriage with John Hardy, as much of my estate as I shall give to either of my daughters . I lend her 1 Negro girl named Judith until my youngest daughter is 18 years old or marries.

To my daughter Lucy Williams [at age 18 or marriage] - 1 Cow & calf , a heifer, 2 ewes & lambs, 1 good feather bed & furniture, & 1 womans saddle & bridle, which she has now in possession, & 1 large pewter basin. Also I lend her Negro boy Moses until my youngest daughter is 18 year old or marries. To my daughters Susannah Williams and Patience Williams and Martha Williams and my daughter Mary Williams, to be delivered when they come to the age of 18 years or marry - to each, 1 cow & calf, 2 heifers, 2 ewes & lambs , 1 good feather bed & furniture, & 1 womans saddle & bridle, 1 large pewter basin. Also I lend my daughter Susannah, Patience, Martha, to each a Negro until my youngest daughter is 18 years old or marries.

To my wife Agness - I lend her a childs part of my Negroes during her life. The rest of my Negroes to be equally divided between all my children . If one of my sons dies without lawful issue after the division of the Negroes, such deceased sons moveable estate to be equally divided between the surviving sons. If a daughter dies after the division, such deceased daughters s estate to be equally divided between the surviving daughters.

To my wife Agness - the use of my plantation, with all the improvements, together with land sufficient for her maintenance for herself & children. I also lend her, during her life, the rest of my estate, except a reasonable part of the plantation & improvements when my son Daniel comes of age. After the death of my wife, my will is that the rest of my estate is to be equally divided between all my children.

It is my will that the Court shall have nothing to do with my will but to order it on the records.

Executors: my son Nicholas Williams and my son-in-law John Hardy.

Signed Oct 1 1769 - Richard Williams. Wit - Thos Edwards, Zachariah Davis, Lazarus Williams, Ben Williams, Isaac Williams.

At Lunenburg Court of May 10, 1770, the will of Richard Williams dec d was exhibited in court by Nicholas Williams, one of the executors, proved by the oaths of 3 of the witnesses, and OR.

Said executor was granted a certificate for obtaining a probate; Thomas Edwards and Thomas Tabb, Gent, were his securities.

John Hardy, the other executor, refused here in court to join in the probate. _____