

### **Last Will and Testament of Richard McWilliam**

In the Name of God, Amen, I Richard McWilliam of the Town of New Castle in the County of New Castle Esquire, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and perfect Mind and Memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following, to wit,

First, I recommend my Soul to the Almighty Author of its Existence, trusting for a blisful [sic] Immortality to the Sufferings and Mediation of my Saviour; and I (?) my body to be decently interred at the Discretion of my Executors.

Item, It is my will that all my just Debts be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease; and for this Purpose I will and devise, that the following Tracts or Parcels of Land, to wit one Tract situate in Kent County in the Delaware State, containing about one hundred and fifty acres, with the appurtenances -- one Tract, with the appurtenances, situate in Appoquinimink Hundred in the said County of New Castle, containing about one hundred and fifty acres now in the Tenure of a certain James Hevering -- one other Tract with the appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred, containing about two hundred acres, now in the Tenure of a certain William Hevering -- one other Tract with the appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred, containing about one hundred and ninety-three acres and an half, which was leased by my father to a certain Robert Pennington -- and one other Tract of Land and Marsh containing about three hundred acres with the appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred, and commonly known by the Name of the Hammocks, be sold by my Executors for the best Price that can be procured for the same, wither at public or private Sale, at their Discretion; and that the Money arising therefrom be applied by them in discharge of my just Debts.

Item, I give and devise to my Daughters Ann McWilliam, Sarah Lewis McWilliam and Rebecca McWilliam, Share and Share alike, all my Farm called Spring-Garden, with its appurtenances, situate near the Town of New Castle, bounded by the Lands of Joseph Tatlow, the New Castle Common and the Land late of John Clark Esq. deceased, containing about three hundred --- .. ----.....-. acres, To hold to them my said Daughters Ann, Sarah Lewis, and Rebecca, and to their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants.

Item, I give and devise to my Daughters Louisa McWilliam and Hester McWilliam, Share and Share alike, the following Tracts, Pieces or Parcels of Land, to wit, all that Plantation or Tract, containing about three hundred acres, with the appurtenances, whereon Alexander Jameson now lives, situate in New Castle Hundred in the said County of New Castle; -- all that Piece or Parcel of Land, with the appurtenances, situate near the Borough of Wilmington in the said County of New Castle, adjoining the Lands of Bancroft Woodcock, containing about eleven acres, five acres whereof are subject to a Ground-Rent of Fifteen shillings per acre per annum; likewise all that Lot of Land, with the Buildings and appurtenances situate in the Town of New Castle between the lots of John VanGezell and William Semple late William Buchanan's, whereon is erected the Dwelling House wherein I lately lived; -- likewise all that Lot of Meadow Land at the South-West End of the Town of NewCastle afsd. bounded by Lands of John Yeates, George Read Esqr. James Riddle, and the Front-Lane [?] containing about one acre; -- likewise all my Lot of Marsh Meadow adjoining the said Town of New Castle, bounded by the River Delaware, the Lot of Isaac Grantham by the Lane or Street leading to the Front from the Town, containing about four acres; -- likewise my Orchard situate at the West End of the said Town of New Castle, containing about Nine Acres, bounded by the great Road leading from New Castle to Christiana Bridge, and the Lots of Francis Janvier, James Booth and John VanGezell; -- and also all that Water-Lot in

the said Town of New Castle adjoining the House and Water Lot of Thomas Janvier and lying opposite to the dwelling House of Mrs. Spencer; To hold to them my said Daughters Louisa and Hester and to their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint-Tenants.

Item, If any or either of my said five Daughters should happen to die without Issue, or should happen to die leaving Issue, and such Issue should also happen to die without Issue, in either of these Cases, I do hereby will and devise that the part or parts, Share or Shares of my real Estate herein before devised to such Daughter or Daughters so dying without Issue, or leaving Issue and such Issue dying without Issue, shall revert and belong to my surviving Daughters or Daughter and to their or her Heirs forever, but as Tenants in Common among the Survivors. But if all my said Daughters should happen to die without Issue, or should happen to die leaving Issue, and such Issue should also happen to die without Issue, then in either of the said Cases, I will and devise that all by real Estate herein before devised to my said Daughters shall go to my Wife Rebecca (if she be then living) to be held and enjoyed by her during her Natural Life; but if she should not be at that Time living, or if she should be at that Time living, then at her Death, I hereby give and devise my said real Estate in the following Manner, that is to say,

First, I give and devise the Lot of Land in the Town of New Castle whereon is erected the Dwelling House wherein I lately lived, -- also the afsd. Lot of Meadow Ground containing one acres, -- also the afsd. Orchard containing nine acres, and the afsd. Lot of Marsh Meadow containing about four acres, as the same are herein before described, to the Rector of Immanuel Church in the Town of New Castle and to his Successors Rectors of the said Church forever; and the said Dwelling House shall be called the Parsonage-House.

Secondly, I also give and devise the before described Plantation, with the appurtenances, whereon Alexander Jamison now lives, to Richard Spencer and

Elizabeth Spencer the Children of William Spencer, and to their Heirs forever, to be equally divided between them.

Thirdly, I also give and devise to the said Richard Spencer, and to his Heirs forever, all the afsd. Piece or Parcel of Land situate near the Borough of Wilmington containing Eleven acres, and also the afsd. Water-Lot in the Town of New Castle.

Fourthly, I give and devise all my Mansion Plantation herein before described, with its appurtenances called Spring-garden, to my Friend James Booth Esq. and to his Heirs forever.

Item,

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds lawful Money of the Delaware State, annually, during her natural Life, in full of her Thirds or Dower of and in my real Estate aforesaid; and I do hereby direct that the same be paid to her annually out of the Rents and Profits of the said real Estate.

I do also give and bequeath unto my said wife Rebecca forever, my Riding Chair and the Horse which I bought of William Montgomery, my Diamond Ring, and one Set of my China and Tea-Board to be chosen by herself.

It is also my will, that my said Wife shall have my two Negroes named Cuff and Cotto, during her natural Life if she chuses to keep them so long, but if she does not think proper to keep them, they shall then be set free.

It is also my will that my said Wife Rebecca shall take the whole or such part of my Household and Kitchen furniture, not herein before bequeathed, as she shall think proper, at the appraised value therof, but shall pay two third parts of the said appraised value to the Guardians of my Children for the Use of the said Children.

I give and bequeath all my public Securities consisting of Depreciation Certificates, Final Settlement Certificates, and Certificates issued by Commissioner

[?], to my said five Daughters, to be equally divided among them at the age of Eighteen Years or at the Time of their Marriage, whichsoever may first happen.

It is my will and I do hereby will and devise, that all and singular my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments [?] which I have herein before devised unto my said five Daughters shall stand charged and be chargeable with the Payment of a Legacy of Five Hundred Pounds (when the same shall become payable) bequeathed by my Brother Stephen McWilliam to Elizabeth Spencer daughter of William Spencer afsd., and the Interest that shall become due thereon, so that an equal Proportion or Share shall be borne by each of my said Daughters.

It is also my will, that if my children's Shares of the Rents and Profits of my real Estate afsd. which I have devised to them, be more than sufficient for their Maintenance and Education that the same be put out at Interest, upon good security, for the Use of my said Children.

Item, I give my Daughter Ann forever my Gold Watch and Emerald Ring.

I also give to my Daughter Sarah Lewis the remaining set of China and Tea Board and a larger Gold Ring which formerly belonged to my Mother.

I also give to my daughter Rebecca forever my Gold Sleeve-Buttons, and a Gold Ring which was my Mother's Wedding Ring.

I also give and bequeath to the afsd. Richard Spencer forever my Silver Watch, and all my Wearing Apparel.

It is my will that my Law-Library be sold together in one Lot, and also my Mathematical Books; and I do hereby direct that my Friend James Booth shall be allowed to take them at the appraised Value, if he thinks proper. All the Residue of my Books shall be kept for the Use of my children.

It is my Will, that my Negro man named Ceasar, in consideration of a long and faithful Service in our Family, be free at my Death, and I do hereby direct my Executors to pay him annually the Sum of Six pounds during his Life.

It is my Will that my Negro Woman named Liz be sold by my executors at public or private Sale, at their discretion.

It is my will, that all the Residue of my personal Estate, except such as shall be kept by my wife at the appraised Value afsd. be sold at public [?] and that the Money arising from my personal Estate be applied by my Executors in discharge of my debts, as far as the same may be necessary.

Item, I give to my Friend James Booth forever, my Pocket Pistols with Screw-Barrels, and the key and Molds. I do also hereby direct, that my Executors procure immediately after my Decease, a Gold Mourning ring to be made, set with a large oval Glass or Stone, in the Middle of which shall be workd, with my own Hair, an Urn, with the following Inscription:

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with the Time of my Death, and the Year of my age: And the said Ring I give to my Friend James Booth as a Mark of my sincere Regard and Affection for him; and I desire that he will wear it.

And lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife Rebecca and my worthy Friends Isaac Grantham and James Booth Esquire Guardians of said five Children until they arrive respectively to the Age of Twenty One Years, or marry, whichsoever may first happen; and I do also appoint my said Wife Rebecca, and the said Isaac Grantham and James Booth Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained on eleven Pages, set my Hand and Seal this thirty first Day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Eighty Five.-- 1785.

## Codicil

I Richard McWilliam of the Town and County of New Castle Esquire, do this Twenty-Seventh Day of March of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six, make and publish this Codicil to my Last Will and Testament in Manner following, that is to say,

Whereas in the disposition which I have made of my personal Estate, in and by my said last Will and testament, bearing Date the thirty first Day of December last, no Mention is made of my Plate and Gold Stock Buckle, by Reason whereof they would be considered to come within the clause in my said Will which directs my Executors to sell such of my personal Estate as I have not thereby disposed of, which would be contrary to my Intention and Desire; wherefore, to prevent the same, I do hereby declare it to be my Will and desire, that my beloved Wife Rebecca shall have the use and Possession, but not the Property of all my Plate during her natural Life, and, at her Death, it shall be equally divided among my children.

Item I give and bequeath my Gold Stock Buckles to my Friend James Booth.

Since the makingo f my afsd. Will I have sold my Law Library; and in the said Will I directed, that my Geographical, (?) Mathematical and Philosophical Books should be appraised, and that my Friend James Booth should be permitted to take them at the appraised value; but I do now revoke the same and do hereby give and bequeath them to the said James Booth.

Although I have in my afsd. Will bequeathed all my wearing apparel to Richard Spence son of William Spencer; yet I hereby revoke the same, and instead thereof give him one Suit of Clothes of a drab coloured Cloth, one suit of Blut Cloth, one Suit of Blakc Cloth, and my Hat.

And whereas by my said will I have directed, that my Wife Rebecca shall have the Service of my Negroes Cuff and Cotto during her natural Life, I do therefore revoke the same Bequest and declare it to be my Will, that my said Wife shall have

the Services of the said two Negroes during her Widowhood only, but if she does not choose to keep them in her own Service they shall then be Free; or if she should marry, then upon her Marriage they shall also be Free.

It is my will, that the Bequest of Six Pounds directed, in my Will afsd. to be paid annually to my Negro Man Ceasar, shall be void; and I hereby declare, that my Estate is and shall be released and discharged from the Payment of the same.

It is my will, and I do hereby direct, that a Gold Mourning Ring, of the same Manner, and having the same Inscription with the one I have directed, on my Will afsd., to be made for my Friend James Booth, be procured by my Executors and I give the same to my Friend Isaac Grantham as a Mark of my Esteem and Regard, desiring him to wear it.

Notwithstanding since the making of my afsd. Will, I have sold the Piece or Parcel of Land with its appurtenances, situate at Wilmington, which I devised to my Daughters Louisa and Hester, and have also sold one of my Tracts of Land in Appoquinimink Hundred, which I had directed to be appropriated to the discharge of my Debts; yet I deem it unnecessary, on that account to make any alteration in my afsd. last Will and Testament, respecting my real Estate.

And lastly, It is my desire, that this my present Codicil be annexed to and made part of my last Will and Testament to all Intents and Purposes, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty Seventh Day of March in the year of our lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six.



Last Will & Testament  
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Esq: deceased  
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In the Name of God. Amen. I Richard  
M. William of the Town of Newcastle in the County of  
Newcastle Esquire, considering the uncertainty of this  
mortal life, and being of sound and perfect Mind  
and Memory, blessed be Almighty GOD for the same,  
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
in manner following, to wit,

First, I recommend my soul to the Almighty Author  
of its Existence, trusting for a blissful Immortality to the  
sufferings and Mediation of my Saviour; and I desire  
my Body to be decently interred at the Discretion of my  
Executors.

Item, It is my will that all my just Debts be  
paid as soon as conveniently may be after my Death;  
and for this Purpose I will and desire, that the following  
Tracts or Parcels of Land, to wit, one Tract situate in  
Kent County in the Delaware State, containing about  
one hundred and fifty acres, with the Appurtenances -  
one Tract, with the Appurtenances, situate in Appoquinimink  
Hundred in the said County of Newcastle, containing  
about one hundred and fifty Acres more in the Tenure  
of a certain James Hewing - one other Tract with the

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Appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred, containing about two hundred acres, now in the Tenure of a certain William Flowering - one other tract with the appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred, containing about one hundred and sixty three acres and an half, which was leased by my Father to a certain Robert Pennington - and one other tract of land and Marsh containing about three hundred acres with the Appurtenances, situate in the said Hundred and commonly known by the Name of the Hammocks, be sold by my Executors for the best Price that can be procured for the same either at public or private Sale, at their Discretion, and that the Money arising therefrom be applied by them in discharge of my just Debts.

Item, I give and devise to my Daughters Ann, M<sup>rs</sup> William, Sarah Lewis, M<sup>rs</sup> William and Rebecca, M<sup>rs</sup> William, Share and Share alike, All my Farm called Spring-Garden, with its Appurtenances, situate near the Town of Newcastle, bounded by the Lands of Joseph Fattow, the Newcastle Common, and the Land late of John Black Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased, containing about three hundred, ————— Acres, To hold to them my said Daughters Ann, Sarah Lewis, and Rebecca, and to their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants.

Item,

Item, I give and devise to my Daughters Louisa M. Williams and Sister M. Williams, share and share alike, the following Tracts, Pieces or Parcels of Land, to wit, All that Plantation or Tract, containing about three hundred Acres, with the Appurtenances, whereon Alexander Jamieson now lives, situate in Newcastle Hundred in the said County of Newcastle; - All that Piece or Parcel of Land, with the Appurtenances, situate near the Borough of Wilmington in the said County of Newcastle, adjoining the Lands of Baneroff Woodcock, containing about eleven Acres, five Acres whereof are subject to a ground-Rent of Fifteen Shillings per Acre per Annurn; - likewise All that Lot of Land, with the Buildings and Appurtenances, situate in the Town of Newcastle between the Lots of John Van Gyzell and William Lingle late William Buchanan's, whereon is erected the Dwelling House wherein I lately lived; - likewise all that Lot of Marsh-land at the South West End of the Town of Newcastle aforesaid bounded by lands of John Yeates, George Road Esq. James Riddle, and the Fort Lane, containing about one Acre; - likewise all my Lot of Marsh-Headow adjoining the said Town of Newcastle, bounded by the River Delaware, the Lot of Isaac Grantham & the Lane or Street leading to the Fort from the Town, containing about four Acres; - likewise my Orchard situate at

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the West End of the said Town of Newcastle, containing  
 about Nine Acres, bounded by the great Road leading  
 from Newcastle to Christiana Bridge, and the Lots of  
 Francis Sanvier, James Booth and John Van Dyckell; - and  
 also all that Water Lot in the said Town of Newcastle  
 adjoining the House and Water Lot of Thomas Sanvier,  
 and lying opposite to the Dwelling House of Mrs. Spencer.  
 To hold to them my said Daughters Louisa and Sister  
 and to their Heirs forever as Tenants in Common and  
 not as Joint-Tenants. -

Item, If any or either of my said five Daughters  
 should happen to die without Issue, or should happen  
 to die leaving Issue, and such Issue should <sup>also</sup> happen to  
 die without Issue, in either of these Cases, I do hereby  
 will and devise that the part or parts, Share or Shares  
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First. I give and devise the lot of Land in the Town of Newcastle whereon is erected the Dwelling House wherein I lately lived, - also the afo<sup>rd</sup> Lot of Meadow Ground containing one Acre, - also the afo<sup>rd</sup> Orchard containing Nine Acres - and the afo<sup>rd</sup> Lot of Marsh-Meadow containing about four Acres, as they same are herein before described, to the Rector of Immanuel Church in the Town of Newcastle, and to his Successors Rectors of the said Church forever; and the said Dwelling House shall be called the Parsonage-House.

Secondly. I also give and devise the before described Plantation, with the Appurtenances, whereon -

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Alexander Jamison now lives, to Richard Spencer and  
Elizabeth Spencer the Children of William Spencer, and  
to their Heirs forever, to be equally divided between them.

Thirdly, I also give and devise to the said Richard  
Spencer, and to his Heirs forever, all the apt. Piece or  
Parcel of Land situate near the Borough of Wilmington  
containing Eleven Acres, and also the apt. Water Lot  
in the Town of Newcastles.

Fourthly, I give and devise all my Mannor Plantation,  
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I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife  
Rebecca the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds  
lawful Money of the Delaware State, annually,  
during her natural life, in full of her Thirds or  
Dower of and in my real Estate aforesaid; and  
I do hereby direct that the same be paid to her  
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said real Estate.

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7. unto my said wife Rebecca forever, my Riding Chair  
and the Horse which I bought of William Montgomery,  
my Diamond Ring, and one set of my China  
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It is also my Will, that my said Wife  
shall have my two Negroes named Guff and Gello,  
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shall take the whole or such part of my Household  
and Kitchen Furniture, not herein before bequeathed,  
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I give and bequeath all my public Securities,  
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divided among them at the Age of Eighteen Years,  
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It is my will, and I do hereby will and devise,  
 that all and singular my Messuages, Lands, Tenements  
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 unto my said five Daughters shall stand charged and  
 be chargeable with the Payment of a Legacy of five  
 Hundred Pounds (when the same shall become payable)  
 bequeathed by my Brother Stephen M. Willison to his sister  
 Spencer Daughter of William Spencer esq<sup>r</sup>, and the  
 Interest that shall become due thereon, so that an  
 equal Proportion or Share shall be borne by each of my  
 said Daughters.

It is also my will, that if my Childrens  
 Shares of the Rents and Profits of my real Estate aforesaid  
 which I have devised to them, be more than sufficient  
 for their Maintenance and Education, that the same  
 be put out at Interest, upon good Security, for the  
 Use of my said Children.

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It is my Will that my Law Library be sold together in one Lot, and also my Mathematical Books; and I do hereby direct that my Friend James Booth shall be allowed to take them at the appraised Value, if he thinks proper. All the Residue of my Books shall be kept for the Use of my Children.

It is my Will, that my Negro man named Caesar, in Consideration of a long and faithful Service in our Family, be free at my Death; and I do hereby direct my Executors to pay him annually the Sum of Six Pounds during his Life.

It is my Will, that my Negro Woman named Liz be sold by my Executors either at public or private Sale, at their Discretion.

It is my Will, that all the Residue of my personal Estate, except such as shall be lent by my Wife at the appraised Value as afo. be sold at public Vendue and that the Money arising from my personal Estate

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be applied by my Executors in discharge of my Debts, as far as the same may be necessary.

Item, I give to my Friend James Booth forever, my Pocket Pistols with seven-Barrels, and the Key and Holds. I do also hereby direct, that my Executors, soon immediately after my Decease, a Gold Mourning ring to be made, set with a large Oval Glass or Stone, in the Middle of which shall be worked, with my own Hand, An Urn, with the following Inscription:

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And lastly, I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife Rebecca and my worthy Friends Isaac Grantham and James Booth Esquires Guardians of said five Children until they arrive respectively to the Age of Twenty One Years, or marry, whichever may first happen; and I do also appoint my said Wife Rebecca, and the said

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of this my last Will and Testament; hereby revoking  
all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof  
I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained  
on eleven Pages, set my Hand and Seal this thirty  
first Day of December in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Five  
1785.

Richard M. Williams

Signed, Sealed, published  
and declared by the above  
named Richard M. Williams  
to be his last Will & Testament,  
in the Presence of us, who have  
herunto subscribed our Names  
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I Richard William of the Town and County of  
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in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred  
and Eighty Six, make and publish this bequest to  
my last Will and Testament, in manner following,  
that is to say.

Whereas in the Disposition which I have  
made of my personal Estate, or and by my said last  
Will and Testament, bearing Date the Thirtieth  
Day of December last, no Mention is made of my  
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they would be considered to come within the Clause in  
my said Will which directs my Executors to sell such of  
my personal Estate as I have not thereby disposed of,  
which would be contrary to my Intention and Desire;  
wherefore, to prevent the same, I do hereby declare it  
to be my Will and desire, that my beloved Wife  
Rebecca shall have the Use and Possession, but not  
the Property, of all my Plate during her natural  
life, and, at her Death, it shall be equally  
divided among my Children.

I am,  
Richard William

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I do hereby give and bequeath my said Gold Stock. Buckles  
to my Friend James Booth. —

Since the making of my afo<sup>d</sup> Will I have sold  
my Law. Library; and in the said Will I directed, that  
my Geographical, no Mathematical and Philosophi-  
cal Books should be appraised, and that my Friend  
James Booth should be permitted to take them at  
the appraised Value; but I do now revoke the same,  
and do hereby give and bequeath them to the said  
James Booth.

Although I have in my afo<sup>d</sup> Will bequeathed  
all my wearing Apparel to Richard Spencer Son of  
William Spencer; yet I hereby revoke the same, and  
instead thereof give him one Suit of clothes of a  
drab coloured Cloth, one Suit of Blue cloth, one  
Suit of Black cloth, and my Hat.

And whereas by my said Will I have  
directed, that my Wife Rebecca shall have the service  
of my Negroes Buff and Votto during her natural  
life. I do therefore revoke the same Bequest, and  
declare it to be my Will, that my said Wife shall  
have the service of the said two Negroes during  
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her Widowhood only, but if she does not choose to keep them in her own Service they shall then be Free; or if she should marry, then upon her Marriage they shall also be Free.

It is also my will, that the Bequest of Six Pounds directed, in my will afo<sup>r</sup>, to be paid annually to my Negro Man Caesar, shall be void; and I hereby declare, that my Estate is and shall be released and discharged from the Payment of the same.

It is my will, and I do hereby direct, that a Gold Mourning Ring, of the same kind, worked in the same Manner, and having the same Inscription with the one I have directed, in my will afo<sup>r</sup>, to be made for my Friend James Booth, be procured by my Executors; and I give the same to my Friend Isaac Grantham as a Mark of my Esteem and Regard, desiring him to wear it.

Notwithstanding, since the making of my afo<sup>r</sup> Will, I have sold the Piece or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, situate at Wilmington,

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which I had devised to my Daughters Louisa and  
Hester, and have also sold one of my Tracts of Land  
in Appoquinimink Hundred, which I had directed  
to be appropriated to the Discharge of my Debts; yet  
I deem it unnecessary, on that account, to make  
any Alteration in my afo<sup>d</sup> last Will and Testament,  
respecting my real Estates.

And lastly, It is my desire, that this my  
present Codicil be annexed to and made a part of  
my last Will and Testament to all Intents and  
Purposes. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
Hand and Seal this Twentieth Day of  
March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and Eighty Six.

Signed, sealed, published and declared,  
by the afo<sup>d</sup> Richard M<sup>r</sup>William as a  
Codicil to be annexed to his last Will.

Rich<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>William

and Testament, in the Presence of us, who  
have subscribed the same as Witnesses, in

his Presence  
Jas. Hiddle  
Thos. Gray  
Chas. Gray



Personally appeared James Reddie and Thomas  
Blay two of the subscribing witnesses to the fore  
going will and the Codicil thereto annex  
ed, and being duly sworn say that they did  
see and hear Richard McWilliam, Esquire,  
sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare  
the foregoing Instrument of writing as his last  
will and Testament and also this Codicil thereto  
annexed, to be a part of last will and Testa  
ment to all intents and purposes: that at the  
time of so doing and saying he was (to the  
best of their belief) found and appearing  
mind and memory, that they did sign their  
names as witnesses thereto at his request in  
his presence and in the presence of William  
Blay whom they see sign as one other witness  
at the same time.

In Testimony whereof I have here  
unto set my hand at New-Castle, this  
19<sup>th</sup> May - A. D. 1756. —

James Reddie Esq.

Richard McWilliam  
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