

**Will of Margaret (Edgeman) Williams, 15 Sep 1821.**

**Received Jany. 26th, 1824**

**State of Tennessee**

**Hawkins County**

**In the name of God amen; I Margaret Williams of the county of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind, and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life & that it is appointed once for all to die, do make ordain and declare, this my last will and Testament revoking all others by use heretofore made; that is to say: First I recommend my Soul into the hands of God who gave it, & my body to a decent Christian burial, and after the expences of the same are defrayed, I give and bequeath, the residue of my goods, chattels and Estate of which it has pleased God to bless me, as follows (to wit)**

**For and in consideration of the long, faithful and unwearied, industry care and attention rendered to me & my family, by my negro Servant Easter, It is my will and request, that at my death or immediately after, that said slave be no longer held in bondage by my heirs, but be set at perfect liberty, to provide for herself as free and unrestrained as any other free person.**

**Secondly, It is my will and desire that all the rest of my estate be equally divided between**

**after all requisite charges are paid to them that and among my children, ^ Share and Share alike provided none of said children by themselves or any other person or persons, do enslave or hold in bondage the said slave Easter, either directly or indirectly.**

**Furthermore, it is my will and desire if any of my children does enslave sd. Slave Easter, it is my wish that they have no part of my said Estate, except the Sum of Twenty-five cents each, to each of said children who does claim & hold in bondage said Slave, either by themselves or any other person.**

**And I do furthermore, appoint my dutiful son William Williams & my faithful friend Samuel Smith, Sen. Both of Maury County, Tennessee, my true, faithful and lawful Executors to this my last will & Testament.**

**In witness, whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal, September 15th 1821.**

**Margaret Williams {Seal}**

**Samuel Smith, Jurat.**

**James Smith, Jurat.**

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