



**Want to Pay  
Even More  
Taxes? Don't  
Write a Will.**

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If you decide not to write a valid will, you'll be giving the government the power to make important and personal decisions for you, and make choices that may increase your death taxes.

We've come up with an idea to get the government to help you and your family in ways you never imagined. And, it can be a surefire way to make your government love you. Why? You'll be giving the government even more power! And, you could be making Uncle Sam your happiest heir!



*Follow this advice to make Uncle Sam a cheerful fellow. Read on...*

Don't write your will. Without a will the court will decide how to disburse your assets. Of course, the court doesn't know which friend or relatives you're fond of or that you want to remember a few of your favorite charities in your will — and the court doesn't care.

Don't write your will. Without a will the court will select someone to handle your estate during probate. Even if you would have selected a close friend for this responsibility, the court won't know that and won't care.

Don't write your will. If you have minor children for whom guardianship is important, guess what? The court can pick a guardian for you. This means you can sit back and relax — the court will decide who should care for your kids. Wouldn't you rather make that decision?

Don't write your will. The estate tax dollars that your government could collect will be used for, well, anything the government chooses. Just think what a few of your favorite charities — those you've been supporting during your life — could do with that money.

## Have We Made Our Point?

There are some darn good reasons why you should write your will. We at William & Mary urge you not to subscribe to the idea that you, your family, and the charities you care about are better off if you die without a will. Don't continue to put off the minor inconvenience of writing one. The peace of mind will be worth every minute of time you spend on completing your will.

Your family will be thankful. Your favorite charities will be thankful.

We've heard on more than one occasion that some of you are a little nervous about meeting with an attorney. But, an attorney who specializes in wills and estate planning is the right person to seek out because he or she can help you accomplish your goals. We can also send you some information on writing a will and, if you like, ways you can include William & Mary and your other favorite charities in your plans.

Writing a will is too important to delay. It's important for you, your heirs, and for William & Mary.

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