

I John May of the Town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia being weak in body but 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 and form following (that is to say) First I will that all my lawful Debts shall be paid. I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thompson May now living with me the sum of five hundred Dollars which I wish to be employed by my Executor either in Bank or other Stock so as to become profitable to my Nephew until he comes of age and not till then to receive it. I also give bequeath and devise to my only child (living) and Daughter Ann two thirds of all my Estate real and personal, after the aforesaid legacy and my debts are paid. Also I give unto my beloved Wife Sally one third of my property remaining. It is my will that in case of the decease of either my Wife or Daughter Ann before my Daughter comes of age that the property should devolve to the survivor and in case Thompson May should die before he be of age I will that the legacy I have assigned to him should be paid to my surviving heir or heirs. It is also my will the amount of the sales of my goods and chattels shall be placed in some profitable Stock and that during the minority of my Daughter my wife shall be paid the proceeds and profits of my Estate real and personal. In case my wife should marry again I appoint as a Trustee over my Child to superintend its interest David Rops Merchant. I also will that in case my Wife and Daughter should die before my Daughter comes of age that my whole property should descend to my nearest relations. I hereby appoint David Rops and Jonah Isabell Executors of this my last will and Testament, revoking all others. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Witnessed by
Edmund Edmonds
J. Dormons
Peter Rhodes

John May 

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Be it remembered that on the fourth day of February 1817 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia came Edmund Edmonds and Peter Rhodes two of the Subscribing Witnesses to this last Will and Testament of John May deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the Testator signed and acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other and on the same day Letters Testamentary were granted to David Rops and Jonah Isabell the Executors named in the said Will.

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A. C. Moore Register

Know all Men by these presents that we David Rops, Jonah Isabell, Jonathan C. May and Richard Cornwall are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Cyphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 4. day of February 1817.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden David Rops and Jonah Isabell shall well and truly perform the office of Executors of John May late of Alexandria County deceased according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duties of them required by law as Executors aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of the said office, then the above obligation shall be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
A. Moore
Reg. Wills

David Rops 
Jonah Isabell 
Jonathan C. May 
Richard Cornwall 