

I Benjamin B. Miles now of the County of Amherst, being of sound mind but feeble in body do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows.

Item. I give to my dearly beloved wife Sarah W. Miles ~~in fee simple~~ all the property I have including negroes, moneys, bonds, accounts, goods and chattels except the articles hereafter to be named.

Item. I give to my wife such of my books as she may wish to select out of my library and the remainder I give to my father and his family.

Item. I desire and direct that my executor herein after to be named shall not foreclose of my father the money which he owes me, but shall wait with him at least three years to enable him to make arrangements to pay it.

Item. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Alfred V. Crenshaw of Richmond my executor and I hope for my sake as well as out of regard for my dear wife that he will act as such. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid.

In testimony that this is my last will and testament I have hereunto signed my name with my own hand This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty three

B. B. Miles

Witnesses

Judson L. Grayman

Wm. A. Miles

Thos. A. Miles

Chas. L. Brown

W. L. Campbell

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery begun and held for the County of Amherst at

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At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held and held for the County of Amherst at  
the Courthouse on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1897.

The last will and testament of Benjamin B. Miles deceased was this day produced in Court and  
proved by the oaths of William S. Miles and William L. Campbell witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded. And on the motion of Alfred W. Crenshaw the executor therein named who made oath  
thereto and together with Joseph Mayo and Mann S. Valentine his securities entered into bond  
in the penalty of Three Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs, which bond is as  
acknowledged in open Court by the said Alfred W. Crenshaw principal and as attorney in fact  
for the said Joseph Mayo and Mann S. Valentine under a power of attorney produced to the Court  
and the said Joseph Mayo and Mann S. Valentine having made affidavit as to their suf-  
ficiency which affidavit has been produced and filed the said Bond is ordered  
to be recorded and certificate is granted the said Alfred W. Crenshaw for attan-

ing a probat of said will in due form.

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Teste

Robert Tinsley etc

Known all men by these presents, that we Alfred V. Crenshaw, Joseph Mayo and Mann S. Valentine are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars law full money of Virginia to be paid to the said Commonwealth of Virginia, for the payment whereof we are truly to be made in and by our selves and each of us our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843 and in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

The condition of this obligation is that the said Alfred V. Crenshaw executor of the last will and testament of Benjamin B. Miles deceased, do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Alfred V. Crenshaw or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made do exhibit to the Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery for the County of Amherst, at such time as he shall be thereto required by the said Court, and the same goods chattels and credits do well and truly administer according to law and make a just and true account of his actings and doings therein when thereunto required by the said Court. And further do well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said will as far as the said goods chattels and credits will extend according to the value thereof and as the law shall charge him. Then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force.

Alfred V. Crenshaw, Exec  
Joseph Mayo by A. V. Crenshaw

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Alfred V Crenshaw, Esq

Proved by A V Crenshaw

shaw att in fact

Mann Valentine by A V Crenshaw

shaw att in fact

At a Circuit Superior Court of law and Chancery begun and held for the County of Amherst at the Courthouse on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843. This Bond was acknowledged in open Court by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste Robert Finsley Ch