

In the name of God amen I Elizabeth S Gray whose maiden name was Elizabeth S Iron before
her intermarriage with her husband Nelson Gray at this time residing in Amherst County Virginia
being in very feeble health do by virtue of a power reserved to me in a marriage contract made with my
said husband before our intermarriage which bears date the 17th day of September 1834 and is duly
recorded in the clerk's office of Fluvanna and Amherst Counties Virginia, make the following which I
declare to be my last will and Testament. That is to say I am at this time the owner of the following
Negroes Slaves that is to say Mary and her son Richard her daughter Ann Annanda and Susan other
sons Jack & Henry the legal title to them is in my Trustees Henderson & Mott as stated in said deed of marriage
contract. And it is my desire that as soon after my death as a fund sufficient can be raised by the hire
of the said slaves that they be liberated and removed to some free state or Country And I accordingly so will
The girl Annanda is now in the possession of Dr. J. P. Gray as a security for money advanced my husband
but with a right to redeem. I therefore direct that my executor apply the first hires to her redemption by
paying to the said Dr. J. P. Gray any thing justly due him and then all hires to accumulate for the ran-
som of all the said slaves together with the increase of the females as above directed.

I do hereby appoint John Thompson for my executor to this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all others. In witness whereof I have signed my name sealed with my seal and dated
this 21st day of August 1837

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence and in the presence of

John Thompson for
Joseph O. Smoot
J. S. Mott

Elizabeth S Gray

Testament hereby revoking all others In witness whereof I have signed my name sealed with my seal and date
this 21st day of August 1837

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence and in the presence of
one another

Elizabeth S Gray

John Thompson for
Joseph C Smoot
J J Wiatt

At a Circuit Court continued by adjournment and held for the County aforesaid on the 29th
day of March 1839

The last will and testament of Elizabeth S Gray deceased was presented to the
Court proved by the Oaths of John Thompson Joseph C Smoot and Samuel J Wiatt And is ordered to be
recorded And John Thompson for the Executor named in said will having appeared in Court and
refused to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof On the Motion of Robert M Brown who
made oath and together with John Thompson for his security who justified as to his sufficiency entered into
and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of seven Thousand Dollars - conditioned according to Law
Certificate is granted to the said Robert M Brown for obtaining letters of administration on the said
deceased Estate with her will aforesaid annexed in due form And on the Motion of Robert M Brown
the said administrator It is ordered that William S Coleman John J Ellis Albert C Harrison Samuel
H Henry and Samuel H Mason or any three of them do appraise said Estate and return the same
sum to the Clerk of this Court to be recorded

Juste

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