

I Archibald Gills of the County of Buckingham and State of Va.  
do make this writing to be my last Will and Testament etc by my own  
hand and being in sound mind and memory

1<sup>st</sup> Item I commit my soul to God who gave it.

2<sup>nd</sup> Item I wish all my just debts to be paid, and after settling  
my grave in a rock wall (which I hereby reserve from sale or division  
with one acre of land around and right of way to Morris Road) and  
all other funeral expenses paid, that my estate real and personal or both here  
after coming to me, be disposed of in the following manner to wit.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I leave to my beloved wife Lucy Gills all of my estate real  
and personal for life or widowhood to be held and managed by her for her use and  
comfort, and for the support and comfort and education of my children, namely  
Mary Jane, John W<sup>m</sup>, Lucy A. Rebecca, Sarah, Elizabeth, Martha Frances,  
Emaline, George and James Arch<sup>d</sup> to whom she may give such portions in advance  
(to be accounted for on the division of my Est.) as she may deem best or unable  
to spare, when any or either of them come to the age of twenty one years,  
or with her consent marry.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> If my wife should marry, then it is my will and desire  
that one third portion of my Est. be allotted to her as dower, and that she  
have no farther control of management of my Est. But that my Executor  
manage in place of her as before describes, Nevertheless after my son James  
A. arrives to the age of eighteen years, and my Executor and all my children  
may desire it, a division may be made by my wife's consent.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> At the death of my wife, my whole Est. real and personal  
be equally divided between all my children, namely Mary Jane, John W<sup>m</sup>,  
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Item 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my two sons John W<sup>m</sup> and James Arch<sup>r</sup> (when he becomes of age) Trustees to receive and manage in trust, and their Executors (should they die before their sister) all the right and title (but not to hold in possession) each portion of their sister, coming from my estate for their use and benefit and to the heirs of their body at their death.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Lucy Gills Executor, and John W<sup>m</sup> Gills and James Arch<sup>r</sup> (when of sufficient age) Executors, to this my last Will and Testament, giving to them the power to

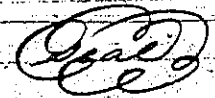
they or sell such and personal estate and to do all and any thing that I myself have a right to do, and that they be required to give a joint bond in Court for the management of my said executors and Executors and Trustees for each of their sutes, and as further security as such.

In testimony whereof I hereby place and affix my hand and seal the 5th day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty

Archibald Gills 

Codicil

Made this 22<sup>nd</sup> of February Eighteen hundred and sixty seven, and note by myself in my own hand writing to wit In consequence of the late political revolution of our Country in liberating our slaves. I hereby make this alteration in the above Will. All the slaves property given to any of my children in advance, shall be valued at only half instead of the value of them when the record is as witness my hand and Seal

Arch<sup>d</sup> Gills 

At a Court held for Buckingham County, January 10. 1870. This paper coming forward purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Archibald Gills dec<sup>d</sup> with a Codicil annexed, <sup>was this day produced in Court</sup> and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto James R. Gillispie and James A. Gills were sworn who testified that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the testator, and verily believe the said Will and Codicil, and the signatures thereto to be wholly written by the testator's own hand. Whereupon the said Will and Codicil are ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of James Archer Gills, one of the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000. duly stamped and conditioned according to law, without security, the testator by his will, directing that

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Arch<sup>d</sup> Gills Seal

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none should be required, certificate is granted the said Executor for ob-  
taining a probate of the said Will in due form. And one dollar in  
Revenue stamps paid on certificate of probate.

Teste B. M. Pratt, C. B. C.

W. H. Scott, of the County of Buckingham do make this my last Will