

The foregoing appraisement has been examined and approved of me.

E. W. Hubbard Comr. of App.

Buckingham County Court Clerk's Office, Octo. 18th 1898. This appraisement of the estate of J. R. Jones, dec. was this day filed in my Office by E. W. Hubbard, Commissioner of Accounts, and admitted to records.

Teste: P. A. Losbaw, Clerk.

Ex^o I Franklin Stearns of the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others.

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid as soon after my death as conveniently can be, and, to this end I hereby direct that an amount of my country real estate and the personal property thereon, sufficient to cover such indebtedness shall be sold to pay the same, the selection of said country real estate to be left to the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, with the following exception, that I except from such sale of country real estate my farm known as Farley located in Culpeper Co. Va.

2^d. I give and devise to my beloved wife Emily S. Stearns, in addition to her dower, the sum of six thousand and eighty dollars (\$6080⁰⁰) with interest thereon from the fifth day of December, 1873, at the rate of six per cent per annum, the same to be paid her in monthly installments of two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250⁰⁰) until said amount principal and interest shall have been paid, the computation of interest to cease on the day of my death.

3^d. The balance of my estate of whatever character or description it may be I devise to my children according to the laws of Virginia in force at the time of the making of this my last will and testament.

4th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Emily S. Stearns, Guardian of all minor children and having full and entire confidence in her I desire and request that the Court having jurisdiction in the premises will allow her to qualify without giving security.

5th I hereby nominate and appoint my son Franklin Stearns, Jr and my friend Henry G. Cannon, both of the City of Richmond State of Virginia, executors of this my last will and testament, and having full and entire confidence in them, I desire and request that the Court having jurisdiction in the premises will allow them to qualify without giving security.

6th I write this my last will and testament wholly in my own handwriting to obviate the necessity of witnesses.

Witness my hand and seal this fourteenth (14th) day of January, 1895.

Franklin Stearns *(Seal)*

Bulpeper County Court, October 17th, 1898. A paper writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Franklin Stearns, deceased, late of the County of Bulpeper was this day produced in Court for proof, and thereupon the said paper writing was proved by F. Maddox, who being duly sworn, made oath that he is familiar with the handwriting of the said Franklin Stearns, deceased, and that said paper writing is wholly in his handwriting. Whereupon said paper writing is ordered to be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said Franklin Stearns, deceased.

And on the motion of Franklin Stearns, Jr, one of the executors in said will named, who made oath thereto, according to law, and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, conditioned according to law, which said bond is ordered to be recorded, and without security, it being the wish of the testator that none should be required of him. Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate of said will in due form, liberty being reserved to Henry G. Cannon, the other executor in said will named,

Franklin Stearns ^{decd}

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Teste: W. E. Coons, Clerk.

A Copy - Teste:

W. E. Coons, Clerk.

Buckingham County Court Clerk's Office, Nov. 9th, 1898. This attested copy of the last Will and Testament of Franklin Stearns, decd. was this day presented in my office, and in the certificate annexed, together with said certificate admitted to record.

Teste: - P. A. Forbes, Clerk.

In the name of God - Amen. I Lucy M. Applying being of sound mind and