

Knowing the certainty of death, I now make this my will & testament this 26th December 1887.

1. I appoint my good wife Sophia, Executrix of my estate and guardian of my daughter Jane May. I also appoint my son Joseph Executor of my estate and desire no security be required of either.

2. I give to my wife, to my son W^m Rowze and to my daughter Jane May the following property, (one third in value to each) the farm on which I now live, called Melrose, including the 69 Ams bought of J. Nick Brute and the place called "Curds" making in all about 881 Ams - all the household and kitchen furniture, plantation tools, wagons, carriage, Luggage & all the stock of every description, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, and hogs, all the provisions that may be on the place for man or beast, all crops that may be growing, and my bank stock (42 shares) and two shares of stock in the Planters Warehouse at Farmville and in addition to the above that one thousand dollars be paid to my wife - that one thousand dollars be invested for my son W^m Rowze and one thousand dollars be invested for my daughter Jane May.

Should it be considered best at any time to sell the land named above or any part thereof, it may be done provided my wife, son Joseph and one of my other children if they all should be living will certify to the deed that they approve the sale or deed, and then the money shall be reinvested for the same beneficiaries.

I have heretofore given to each of my oldest children John Wyatt, Martha Catharine and Joseph Marshall money and property amounting to five thousand dollars each.

I request my Executor to make the deed to John Toney for the land on which he now lives whenever all the purchase money is paid as per contract already made between said Toney and myself. I also authorize my Executor to

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I request my Executor to make the deed to John Toney for the land on which he now lives whenever all the purchase money is paid as per contract already made between said Toney and myself. I also authorize my Executor to sell and convey the 70 Acs of land, more or less, conveyed to me by W^m E. Larnaway, now occupied by John Henderson & the Pearces (both colored). My Executor will also sell and dispose of the 15 Acs of land conveyed to me by Nat. Morris, dec^d. The remainder of my estate, which is not given away

in the first part of the will, shall be equally divided between my wife and all my children one sixth to each one.

I wish the bank stock heretofore named be divided as follows: the two shares of stock in Planter Warehouse and nine (9) of Commercial Bank be allotted to my wife; that sixteen shares of the Planter Bank stock be allotted to my son Willie Rogers and that the other six shares of Planter Bank stock and eleven shares of Commercial Bank stock be allotted to Jane May, my daughter.

The foregoing will is written and signed by my own hands.

J. V. Crute

At a County Court held for Buckingham County, April 9th 1888. This writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John V. Crute, dec. was this day produced in Court and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto George M. Pollard and P. A. Forber were sworn and severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the testator's handwriting and verily believe the said writing and the name thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the testator's own hand. Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said John V. Crute, dec. And on the motion of Joseph M. Crute, the Executor named in said Will, who made oath as the law directs, and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned as the law directs without security, the testator by his will directing that none should be required, certificate is granted the said Joseph M. Crute for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

Teste P. A. Forber, C. B. C.

Jan'y 23rd 1889