

No. 13 Shaw Jr.
William Gough

At a Court held for Buckingham County, March 14, 1870. This paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Geo. W. Fones, dec^d was this day produced in Court, and proved by the oaths of Ro. B. Shaw Jr. and William Gough the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And there being no executor named in the said Will, on the motion of Adelia Fones, Letters of Administration on the estate of the said Geo. W. Fones, dec^d with his said Will annexed, are granted her, she having made oath to the said Will, and with Wm. A. Mof and Wm. Gough, her securities, entered into, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1700: duly stamped and conditioned according to law. security sworn to justify.

Teste, B. M. Prath. C. B. C. !

I Nancy Nicholas of Buckingham being of sound mind do make this my last Will.

I devise to my two sons Henry and Lorenzo during their lives all the land I bought of Walter L. Fountain lying on James River in Buckingham

After the death of either of my said two sons leaving child or children I devise one half of the said land to such child or children. If there be no such child or children, it is my wish that the survivor of my said two sons have all the said lands during his life, and after the death of the said survivor of the said sons leaving

children or a child I devise all the said land to such child or children. Should
 both of my said two sons die leaving a child or children I devise one half
 of the said land to the children of the one and the other half to the child or
 children of the other. Should both of my said two sons die without leaving a
 child or children I devise the said land to my son John Nicholas during his life,
 and after his death to his child or children, should the said John die leaving no
 child or children, I devise the said land to the children of my deceased
 daughter Margaret with remainder to their child or children if any there
 be. Should they die without leaving any child or children I devise the said
 land to the children of my daughter Francis and to my grand daughter
 Martha Virginia

I bequeath to my son Henry my negro man Aaron I bequeath
 to my two sons Henry and Lorenzo all my household & kitchen furniture

I bequeath to my son John my negro boy Richard my negro wo-
 man Adeline with all her future increase speaking from this time

I bequeath to my son Lorenzo my negro woman Jane with her
 child and all her future increase speaking from this time

I bequeath to my grand daughter Margaret Fontaine my gold
 watch

I bequeath to my daughter Frances Scott a bed and it is my
 wish in the distribution of the estate of my deceased husband the persons
 entitled allow my s^r daughter if she desire it to take as a part of her
 portion a negro slave Mary who I have placed with her as a nurse
 for her children

I bequeath to my son Henry all the crops on hand or which
 may be growing to enable him to pay the charges and if any remain he
 to have the balance

I bequeath to my son Lorenzo all my

provision a negro slave Mary who I have placed with her as a nurse
for her children

I bequeath to my son Henry all the crops on hand or which
may be growing to enable him to pay the charges and if any remain he
to have the balance.

I bequeath to my son Lorenzo all my interest or part of the debt
against Gooch in consideration of the buildings and improvements he
has put up.

I bequeath to my son John all the right and interest I have
in what may be recovered or paid on account of the demand & suit
against Jas A Scott.

I give and bequeath to my two sons Henry and Lorenzo all the balance
of my estate and constitute and appoint my sons Henry, John & Lorenzo
my executors and desire they may be allowed to qualify without giving security.

I desire that no inventory or appraisement be made of my estate
Witness my hand this third day of August 1839

20th Sept 1839.

Nancy Nicholas

Witness

Wm H Tapscott

James Harris

I Nancy Nicholas of sound and disposing mind and memory do make
this codicil to my last Will and Testament on this the 25th day of Decr 1845
That whereas I have devised to my sons Henry and Lorenzo Nicholas in the fore-
going Will of date the 3^d day of August 1839 the lands purchased of
Walter L Tarrant upon terms and conditions therein set forth, by which it is
contemplated that said lands shall not pass out of possession of my family

which is still my desire, yet upon consideration it seeming possible and probable that
circumstances may arise in which it may be advantageous to them the said Henry &
Lorenzo to sell said lands in whole or in part, (and I submit it entirely to their own discre-
tion or to the survivor of them during their lives) then they or the survivor of them may
sell the same said lands and reinvest the proceeds arising therefrom in other land or
stocks or put the same to interest properly secured, and appropriate the annual
proceeds to their own use and exercise ownership over both interest and principal as
they would have done over the land if it had not been sold. But the principal arising
from sale of said lands whether invested or not shall descend to my family in the
same manner and be subject to the same conditions and restrictions and take
the same direction as the land would have taken if it had not been sold
and as contemplated in foregoing Will. Item I revoke that portion of
my will giving to my son John all interest in the suit as my brother
Charles Scott having compromised my interest with my children & the
representatives of those deceased. I give all interest I have to Henry
& Lorenzo Nicholas requiring them to pay any debts that I may contract
for my individual use. Given under my hand the date above written.

Acknowledged in the
presence of
Wm B. Shepard
Henry B. Mosby

Nancy Nicholas
25th December 1825

At a Court held for Buckingham County, Nov. 12th 1855. This last Will
and Testament of Nancy Nicholas dec^d was this day produced in Court
and proved by the oath of James Harris, one of the subscribing witnesses
thereof and the other subscribing witness being dead, his signature was
proved to be genuine by the oaths of James M. Patterson and Napoleon
B. Tappan and the codicil was proved by the oath of Wm B. Shepard.

Wm. B. Shepard
Henry B. Mosley

At a Court held for Buckingham County, Nov. 12th 1855. The last Will and Testament of Nancy Nicholas dec^d. was this day produced in Court and proved by the oath of James Harris, one of the subscribing witnesses thereof, and the other subscribing witness being dead, his signature was proved to be genuine by the oaths of James M. Patterson and Napoleon B. Tapscott, and the codicil was proved by the oath of Wm. B. Shepard a subscribing witness thereto. And at another Court held for said County December 10th 1855, the said Codicil was further proved by the oath of Henry B. Mosley a subscribing witness. Thereupon the said Will and Codicil were ordered to be recorded.

And at another Court held for said County, Feby. 11th 1856, the said Will and Codicil were sworn to by John S. Nicholas, one of the Executors named therein, who gave bond, without security, the testatrix by her will directing that none should be required, certificate was granted the said Executor for obtaining a probat of said Will and Codicil annexed in due form.

Teste R. Eldridge C.B.C.

Attest R. Eldridge C.B.C.

Buckingham County Court Clerk's Office, March 7th 1870. This attests copy of the original Will of Nancy Nicholas dec^d. heretofore recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Buckingham County, the book containing the records of said Will having been lost or destroyed, was this day produced in my Office, and admitted to record annex.

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