

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth
 Shaples of Eliz. City County & County of
 Virginia, being of sound & perfect Mind & Memory
 do make and declare this my last Will & Testament
 In Witness Whereof, I have signed my hand to God &
 my body to the last thereof, full & lawful estate
 and property I give, devise & bequeath as follows,
 Item I give devise and bequeath the whole of
 my Estate Real and personal to be divided into four
 Equal Parts, one part I give to my Son William
 Shaples & his Heirs, another part I give to
 my Son John McCarty & his Heirs, another
 part I give to my dear adopted Daughter County
 Brough and the other part I give to said late
 Relation Mary Bradley Brough & her Heirs
 but should either or both of my Sons die without
 making a particular disposing of this Legacy in
 writing, then in that case I give the part of
 them so dying or both of them, to be equally divi-
 ded between my said Relations County Brough
 and Mary Bradley Brough and their Heirs
 And should my said Relation County Brough
 die without being married or particularly dis-
 posing of the above Legacy, then in that case I
 give & devise the part given to her, to my
 dear Relation Amelia Brough & her Heirs
 but should she also die without being married
 or without particularly disposing of it, then
 that case I give & devise the same to my afore-
 said Relation Mary Bradley Brough & her Heirs forever
 but should she also die unmarried or without
 being married, I give & devise the said Estate to
 my Relation Robert Brough and his Heirs forever.
 Lastly, &c.

Lastly, I nominate, and appoint my said Relation
 Robert Brough, sole Executor of this my last
 will & Testament hereby Revoking all former
 will & Testaments, heretofore by me made, my
 will and desire is that he be not bound to man-
 y, but that he keep the Estate given to my
 son in his possession untill it be known whether
 my said Children be dead or not and if alive
 until they legally claim the same or transfer
 out of his Hands. And in the mean
 while my will is that the Interest of their part
 or share of my Estate be applied towards edu-
 cation & maintaining my dear little Relation
 Mary Brough.
 Witness my Hand & the said Country Clerk
 at my House hereunto set my Hand and affixed my
 Seal the nineteenth Day of September One thou-
 sand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Agreed to be published
and delivered by the said Country
Shroffs to the her last will
and Testament in the Presence
of W. S. H. by

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.
 J. M. Smith