

Singleton
Dorothy

I Dorothy Singleton of the County of Gloucester do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit. First I give my negro woman Sophy and her future increase, wth five of her present children viz William John Susan Martha and Mary with their future increase to my niece Betty wife of Jesse of the County of Essex for life and after her death to her surviving children in fee simple. Secondly I give my two negro Boys Ned and James sons of my Negro woman Sophy to my nephew John Thomas Hoskins of the County of King & Queen in fee simple. Thirdly I give my negro Gul Rose and her future increase to my niece Ella Robbins for life and after her death to her surviving children in fee simple. Fourthly I give my negro Gul Jane and her future increase to my niece Ann Eliza Robbins for life and after her death to her surviving children in fee simple. In the event of any of my above mentioned Nieces dying without leaving children surviving to them give their slaves hereby devised to such one for life to the survivor or survivors for life with remainder to the children of such survivor or survivors in fee simple. Such children to take per stripes. Fifthly I give my maid Emeline and her child Dolly with their future increase to my niece Lucy wife of Joseph Smither of the County of Middlesex for life and after her death to her surviving children in fee simple. I also give her my silver spoons. Sixthly I give my nephew William H Hoskins my carriage and horses stock and farming utensils. I desire my household and kitchen furniture to be given to my niece Louisa Hoskins. I also desire my gold watch to be given to Thomas T Hoskins son of my nephew John Thomas Hoskins of King & Queen County and the bed and bedding upon which Mary Frances Blake now sleeps to be given to Mary Frances Blake. I desire my silver cream pot to be also given to my niece Ella Robbins. I appoint Thomas S Taliaferro of the County of Gloucester as Executor to this my last will and testament and desire that he will see all my lawful debts paid & the balance of my estate in money. I have, to be used at his discretion

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Witness

Leah S Taliaferro

Mary F Blake.

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Seal

Dorothy Singleton

At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court House on Monday the 2nd day of April 1866. This last will and testament of Dorothy Singleton deceased was produced in Court for proof and summons awarded against Witnesses to appear at the next Court to prove the same. and at a Court of Quarterly Session held for the said County at the Court House on Monday the 7th day of May in the year aforesaid. the said Will was proven by the oath of Leah S Taliaferro one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed and Mary F Blake the other Witnesses thereto subscribed being dead the said Leah S Taliaferro

deposed that she is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Mary F Blake and that the said Mary F Blake signed her name to the said will in her presence whereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Dorothy Singleton deceased and is deemed
 Teste M^r R. Cary cl. Cur.

Warr
 James B

In the name of God Amen. I James B Ware of Gloucester County Va. being weak in body but in sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as follows. I come to my brother Augustus Ware a portion of my land during his life time and at his death I give it to his children the line beginning at a Sycamore tree that is broke down joining William Plaud land running from there on the north side of the grave yard. bounded by the grave yard and from there to the aforesaid Augustus Ware's land. and all the balance of my land I give to my sister Emmeline S Chapman during her life time and at her death I give it to her two children name Christopher S Chapman and William S Chapman forever and I also wish my brother and sister both to be equally bound to pay my debts together. I acknowledge this to be my hand and seal in presence of three witnesses this the 22nd day of December 1865. James B^{his} Ware Seal

Witness

✓ William Rayfield

Thos E Lambuth

✓ J R Coats

At a Court of Quarterly Session begun and held for Gloucester County at the Courthouse on Monday the 7th day of May 1866 This last will and testament of James B Ware was read in open Court by the path of William Rayfield