

James Gust
Will

James Gust of the county of Gloucester and State of Virginia being of sound mind and in my usual bodily health and being admonished by my advanced age of the importance of settling my worldly affairs, do make this my last will and testament, revoking all others, in manner and form following to wit: I direct my executors hereinafter named to sell such of my personal property as shall be best spared by my daughter herein after named to be selected by my said daughter, as may be necessary for the payment of my just debts and the cost of administration said sale to be made either privately or publicly, at the discretion of my said executors,

I bequeath to my three daughters Mary E. Ferrell, Margaret C. Gust, and Laura E. Gust, in equal shares, for the natural life of my two daughters, Margaret C. and Laura E. Gust and to my daughter Mary E. Ferrell as long as she shall live and remain a widow, all the farm known as "Providence" on which I at present reside (except that portion of said farm hereinafter devised to my three sons) When my daughter Mary E. Ferrell shall marry again or die I wish her portion to go in fee simple to her two children Maud B. Ferrell and Mahlon E. Ferrell. In the event of the death of either of my two daughters, Margaret or Laura, I wish the share of the one so dying to revert to the survivor and to my other daughter Mary E. Ferrell in equal shares, and at the death of my two daughters Margaret C. or Laura E. Gust I give their portion in fee simple to my Grand daughter Maud B. Ferrell -

All my personal property, consisting of furniture, horses, cattle, sheep, farming implement &c &c except that which may be sold by my executors to pay my debts and cost of administration I give to my three daughters abovesaid named. I need hardly say that

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I commend to the care of my afore mentioned daughters their affected brother
Mr. R. Guist.

I give to my three sons James M. Joseph M. and W. P. Guist that portion of
my farm known as the Mill field: formerly known as Thrifts separated from the
other part of the farm in part by a stream emptying into Strubbs mill pond. being
with the wood land attached one hundred and six acres or less, excluding the lot
deeded to the trustees of Newington Church as a site for the meeting house known
as Pitworth meeting house.

The right of way through the wood land attached to this tract is reserved to my
daughters farm leading to the main or Belle Rei road.

I constitute and appoint my friends Rev. Mr. E. Whitt and Mr. A. H. Jones my
executors, requesting ^{Glochester Co. Virginia Wills 1862-1896} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} the said Mr. E. Whitt and Mr. A. H. Jones as each, as I will
probably leave my few debts and very little money will come into their hands
as my executors.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1888

James. Guist *(seal)*

At a county court continued and held for Gloucester County on Monday
the seventh day of March 1888. A writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of James Guist late of the county of Gloucester deceased was this day pre-
sented to the court, and there being no subscribing witnesses to the said will, N. C.
Cahoon and A. J. Whitt were sworn and severally deposed that they are well ac-
quainted with the handwriting of the said James Guist deceased, and verily believe
that the said will and the signature thereto subscribed are wholly in the hand
writing of the said James Guist deceased. Whereupon the same is ordered to be

probably leave very few debts and very little money will come into their hands as my executors.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 1888

James Gust

Seal

✓ At a county court continued and held for Gloucester County on Thursday the seventh day of March 1888. A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Gust late of the county of Gloucester deceased was this day presented to the court, and there being no subscribing witnesses to the said will. W. C. Cahorn and A. J. Stitt were sworn and solemnly depose that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said James Gust deceased, and verily believe that the said will and the signature thereto subscribed are wholly in the handwriting of the said James Gust deceased. Whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said James Gust deceased, and on motion of Mr. Chas. H. Jones one of the executors named in the said will who made oath as the law directs, and entered into a bond in the penalty of eight hundred dollars conditioned according to law, but without security, the will directing that none should be required of him, and which said bond being acknowledged by the Obligor therein is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Mr. Chas. H. Jones for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form. Liberty being reserved to W. C. Stitt the other executor in the said will named to join in the said probat when he shall think fit.

Teste E. V. Corbue D.C.
for S. B. Chapman C.C.