

Will
of
J^r R. Cary

The last will and testament of John R. Cary made The 15th day of July 1859. I give and bequeath my whole estate after the payment of my debts to my dear wife Betty L. Cary feeling confident that she will dispense it as if I were living, with the exception of my riding horse Bill purchased at J. S. Harwood's sale and negro boy Charles purchased of Mary Jane Churris, which I give and devise to my nephew J. Saml. Cooke in fee simple upon condition that he make no charge against my estate for his services as deputy Clerk in my office as Clerk of the County of Gloucester, and I appoint the said J. Saml. Cooke and the Rev. Jno. P. Sumner of New Kent County my executors and in the fullest confidence commend to the latter the protection of my dear wife. I have seen so much injustice and wrong done to dead men's estates in my capacity as Clerk of the County, that I wish it to be distinctly understood by my executors that I wish to avoid this waste of my estate and for this purpose direct that my whole estate (if it be necessary) be sold to pay my debts - by my Executors without intervention of the County for that purpose. And I positively direct that no inventory or appraisement of my estate be made nor sale had on my premises but that if it be necessary to sell any portion of my estate it be sold at the Court House on some Court day. If my dear adopted Children Mat. & Louisa Durner Cary the Children of my brother Saml. by his wife Catharine V. Kemp, be educated at the expense of my estate, I do positively direct that they never be sent to any school over which, or in which, any Minister of any church of any denomination whatever, may be or have any control or supervision. Written wholly by myself in my own proper hand writing this 15th day of July 18 fifty nine to which I subscribe

my name and affix my seal

John R. Cany

seal

October 4th, 1860 - Codicil to the above will -

I hereby revoke the bequest of negro boy Charles to J. Samblebrook and direct that he be sold and the money arising therefrom be applied to the payment of my debts, and I also revoke the bequest of the horse Bill to him as he will be necessary to the comfort of my wife given under my hand & seal

John R. Cany

seal

At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on Monday the 6th day of January 1868 This last will and Testament of John R. Cany deceased was produced in Court for proof and there being no subscribing witnesses to the same, John S. Shawell and M.B. Shawell being sworn severally deposed that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the Testator and truly believe that the said will, Codicil and signatures thereto subscribed was wholly written by the Testator's own hand, whereupon the said will and the Codicil thereto are ordered to be recorded as the true last will and Testament of John R. Cany dec'd.

Teste

John Shawley C. C.

Will of
Mrs Mary A
Ketchum

In the name of God amen I Mary Augusta Nelson of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia now enjoying reasonable health but declining in age do hereby certify that I have made this my last will and Testament