

Backhouse
John W.
his Will

In the name of God, amen. I, John W. Backhouse of the County of Gloucester, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, hereby revoking all other Wills, heretofore made by me, in the first place I devise all of my just debts to be paid, by my executor hereafter named. Secondly, I give to my nephew Fleet Lawson, to him and his heirs forever the part of my land called Senecas which formerly belonged to Henry Senecas, and including the portion of Swamp land heretofore attached to Senecas tract, which land the said Fleet Lawson is to have possession of, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, until that time the said land is to remain as a part of my estate. And as the said land hereby devised to Fleet Lawson is under a deed of trust to secure a debt due to Wm. C. Clifton I direct that my executor, shall out of my estate relieve the said land from the lien of the deed of trust and in the event that the said Fleet Lawson shall die before he shall attain twenty one years of age then I give the said tract of land to my wife. Thirdly I wish my executor to sell my tracts of land called New Quarter and Arkansas, provided that they can be sold within a reasonable time and for a fair price, but I do not wish them to be sold at a sacrifice, and in case they shall not be sold, I give the tracts called New Quarter and Arkansas to the two children of my friend Richard Barnes Lawson, John Backhouse and Aurelia, at my wife's death. Fourthly I give to my wife Ann Matilda, all the balance of my estate of every kind for and during her lifetime, and at her death I wish her to have the power to dispose of five thousand dollars of my estate in such manner and to such person or persons as she shall think fit. All the estate hereby given to my wife for life

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thousand dollars of my estate in such manner and to such person or
persons as she may wish, all the estate hereby given to my wife for life
I give to my nephew Fleet Lawson to him and his heirs forever
But if the said Fleet Lawson should die in the lifetime of my wife
and leave no child or children, then I give all that I have hereby de-
vised to him to my wife in absolute property and the gift to the said Fleet
Lawson is subject to the gift to my wife of ~~five~~ thousand dollars, and sub-
ject also to the following devises and bequests. In case my lands New
Quarter and Arkansas shall be sold by my executrix, I give to John
Backhouse Lawson and Aurelia Lawson at my wife's death or
when they shall respectively arrive at twenty one years which ever
event shall first happen two thousand dollars each. In case Stephen
D. Percell shall ~~remain with my wife~~ ^{be attentive to her} until
he shall attain his age of twenty one years. I desire that my wife shall
provide for him in a suitable manner according to his condition while
he shall remain in her service, and when he becomes twenty one I wish
her to give him in fee simple twenty acres of land part of my estate
to be laid off as she shall think proper but if he shall not con-
duct himself proper towards my wife, then this devise in his favour
is to be void. Fifthly I appoint my dear wife Anna Matilda executrix
of this my last will, and ask that the Court will allow her to qualify
without giving security I give her full direction as to the sale of my
personal estate. And if she shall find that she cannot manage my
lands so as to make them profitable, and prevent them from going to
waste them I authorize my executrix to sell my lands or such

part thereof as she shall find necessary. But in case my lands or any of them shall be sold I direct that the proceeds of such sale shall be safely invested and secured upon real estate and the interest collected by my wife during her life. of course this power of sale is not intended to include the sale of the several tracts given to Fleet Loomis. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 5th day of December in the year of our Lord 1870.

Signes sealed and
acknowledges before us
in our presence

John W. Backhouse

M. B. Seawell

W. J. Seawell

Philip A. Taliaferro

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At a Court held for Gloucester County at the Court house on Monday the 6th day of Feb'y 1871, This last will and Testament of John W. Backhouse dec'd and was proven in open Court by the oaths of M. B. Seawell W. J. Seawell and Philip A. Taliaferro the subscribing witnesses thereto and the said Court ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

Teste Geo S. Cooke Clerk.

Lambert
William M.

Gloucester County Virginia January 18th 1871. In the name of God Amen, I William M. Lambert being in feeble health but of sound mind do this day make my last will and Testament naming