

Battell
John
W. L.

In the name of God Amen. I John W. L. Battell of sound mind and disposing memory do constitute & ordain this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all others that I may have made.

In primis, I wish all my just debts paid and should I not have enough money or bonds for this purpose I wish my executors hereinafter named to sell so much of my land as will be sufficient for that purpose and in doing this I wish them to select a portion that will injure the balance of the farm as little as possible. 2^{ndly} I give to my wife absolutely the Chamber furniture and also all the provisions and crops including those growing that may be on hand when I die. 3^{rdly} I lend to my wife during her life or widowhood my farm called Timberneck (with the exception in the first clause as to a sale of a portion of it should it become necessary) and everything on it, to wit, Stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, Gloucester Co. Virginia Wills 1862-1896
www.virginiapioneers.net carriages &c. Should my wife marry again I wish my executors to sell my farm at such time and on such terms as they may deem best and dispose of the money arising from the sale in the following manner, to wit, one third of it is to be invested and the interest therefrom is to be paid semi-annually to my wife, the other two thirds are to be divided into seven equal parts, one of which is to be allotted to Mrs A. W. L. Waller, one to John I. Battell, one to Charles Battell, one to my daughter Mrs Mary A. Jones, one to B. Powell Battell, one to S. Carter Battell and one seventh to my two grand children S. B. & Fannie Nelson. At the death of my wife should she not marry again, I wish the farm sold as above directed and the proceeds divided into seven parts & distributed as above directed. Should there be any money or bonds left after payment

of my just debts, I wish one fifth of them allotted to my wife & the remainder divided into seven parts & distributed as above directed. I wish my wife to pay annually to my daughter Mrs A. W. C. Waller seventy five dollars (\$75) out of the rents paid by my tenants occupying houses on the farm. By the death of my dear child Hettie, I became entitled to whatever she might get from the estate of Miss Lucy Flowers, but she requested that it might be given to her brother L. Carter Battell & I now give to him everything that my said daughter was entitled to under the will of Miss Lucy Flowers, my books will shew what I have received & much the larger portion of Miss Lucy's estate is still due from the estate of Geo Leigh and against which there is a judgment. I also give to L. Carter Battell all my books & my little writing desk kept in the parlor, I give to my daughter Mrs Waller my breastpin set with her mother's hair & give to Charles Battell my gold watch & chain.

I received during the war one thousand dollars in Confederate money as trustee for Mrs Waller & children under the will of Dr Thurston & invested it in a Confederate bond which is now good for nothing. I am sure my daughter will never contend in any way for this money, but should there be any difficulty about it & my estate suffers her portion must make good the loss or she must account in the division for one thousand dollars (\$1000) which I advanced to her husband in his lifetime, but I wish it understood that I do not intend for her to account for any advancement made to her either of money or negroes unless my estate is made to account for the sum invested in Confederate bonds, which investment I

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✓ that I do not intend for her to account for any advancement made to her either of money or negroes unless my estate is made to account for the sum invested in Confederate bonds, which investment I had a right to make under the laws of Virginia. I wish my wife to assist in any way in her power my two grand children Sallie B & Fannie Nelson who are very poor. And now having made as equitable distribution of my little property as I am capable of doing, I hope it may prove satisfactory to all. I hereby appoint Cook Warner T. Jones, Maryus Jones and Charles Battitt executors of this my last will & testament and do not require them to give any security. This will is written entirely by myself & the interlineations made by myself. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of May 1875

Jno W. C. Battitt. (Seal)

24th September 1878

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Goodieil. As my rents have greatly declined & it will take all of them to assist in the support of my wife, I revoke that clause in my will giving my daughter Mrs Waller Seventy five dollars (\$75.) of the rents & give all of the rents to my wife. Given under ^{my} hand & seal.

Jno W. C. Battitt (Seal)

At a County Court begun and held for Gloucester County at the Courthouse on Monday the 6th day of August 1883 This paper writing purporting to be the true last will and testament of John W. C. Battitt deceased was produced in Court for proof and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto Edward S. Thurston and Thomas C. Baytop were sworn who deposed

that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the Testator and verily believe that the said paper and Council clause and signatures thereto signed were wholly written by the Testator's own hand, whereupon the said paper was read to be recorded as the true last will and Testament of John N. Cooke deceased and is recorded

Wm S. Cooke Clerk

Thruston In the name of God amen, I John M Thruston being of sound mind
John M and in good health, do make this my last will and Testament.

1st I lend to my wife Mary Ann during her widowhood that portion of the Ware House tract of land which I purchased of Mr. James & Co. Gloucester Co. Virginia Wills 1862-1896
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Rowe, being one hundred and forty eight acres, and at the death of my said wife, should I leave children to be equally divided amongst them, for them and their heirs forever, but should my wife marry again, at the time of her marriage, that portion of my estate which the law allows her, shall be allotted to her for life, and the remainder equally divided amongst my children, but should I leave no children the said land to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters for them and their heirs forever.

2nd In like manner I lend to my wife during ^{her} widowhood my servants namely, Phileas, Gabriel and Mann, together with my undivided interest in my mother's dower negroes, and at her death or marriage to be disposed of in the same way as the land.

3rd In like manner I give in fee simple the girl Mary Eliza to my