

Thurston
Robert

In the name of God, I Robert Thurston of the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

I give and devise to my son William S. Thurston and to his heirs forever all my tract of land called Sansdowne in the said County of Gloucester on which I reside and the tract of land adjoining my Sansdowne tract which I purchased from George W Southall trustee for the creditors of Dr Samuel S. Craffin also the tract or parcel of Woodlands lying in Piney Swamp which I purchased from the said George W Southall trustee as aforesaid containing by estimation seventy acres and adjoining the lands of Joel Hayes, John Hogg and the land which I hereinafter give and devise to my son Edward S. Thurston, but this devise to my said son William S. Thurston is expressly upon the condition and subject to the charge herein declared, that is to say, that in consideration of the said devise my said son William S. Thurston shall as soon as he can make it convenient to do so pay to my grandson John Battell the sum of two thousand dollars which legacy is in full of all that my said grandson John Battell shall receive from my estate; that my said son William S. Thurston shall also pay to my son Edward S. Thurston the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to the four children of my deceased daughter Mary C. Sinclair or to the survivors or survivor of them the like sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to my daughter Sarah Rose the like sum of twelve hundred

and fifty dollars, to my grand daughter Sarah B. Nelson the sum of six hundred and twenty five dollars and to my grand daughter Nannie V. Allen the like sum of six hundred and twenty five dollars, but none of the said legacies are to be paid by my said son William B. Thurston until he shall have had a reasonable time to raise the amounts without inconvenience to himself. I give and devise to my son Edward T. Thurston and his heirs forever my tract of land in the said County of Gloucester Called "Seawells' ordinary" On which he now resides as it is bounded and described in the deeds and surveys made to me together with all the Crops which may be growing thereon at the time of my death together with all the stock of every description which may be thereon at the time of my death. I also give and bequeath to my said son Edward T. Thurston and his heirs forever all the tract or parcel of Woodland in Piney Swamp adjoining the land of Joel Hayes and the Wood land herein devised to my son William B. Thurston and containing by estimation fifty two acres. But this devise to my son Edward T. Thurston is upon condition that he shall sell no part of the said land herein devised to him unless
x he sell the whole of it, it being my desire and intention that he shall not diminish the value of said land by selling off any portion of it, and if he should so sell any part of it the sale shall be
7 void and the whole land herein devised to him shall vest in the heirs of his body. It is my will and desire that all my negro slaves shall be divided among my children and grand children in the following manner. I wish all my slaves to be divided into
V five equal parts or portions in which division I wish all the slaves heretofore advanced to my children to be brought into hotchpot at

the following manner. I wish all my slaves to be divided into
five equal parts or portions in which division I wish all the slaves
heretofore advanced to my children to be brought into hotchpot at
their value when I advance them respectively. I advance to my
daughter Agnes the mother of my grand children Sarah B.
Nelson, Fannie Waller and John R. Cattell four slaves. To my
son William S. Thurston a boy named Thom. To my daughter
Sarah Rose one girl. To my daughter Mary L. Sinclair one girl
and to my son Edward J. Thurston a woman named Maria.
One portion or equal part of said slaves including the value of
those advanced as aforesaid, I give and bequeath to my son
William S. Thurston in which portion I wish my woman Sally
and her children to be included; One equal part or portion I
give to my son Edward J. Thurston; One equal fifth part or
portion I give to my daughter Sarah Rose; One equal fifth part
or portion I give to the children of my deceased daughter
Mary L. Sinclair or to the survivor or survivors of them, and
should either of said children of my daughter Mary L. Sin-
clair die before marriage or attaining twenty one years of
age I hereby give the portion of said children or child so dying
to the survivor or survivors of them; and the remaining fifth
part or portion of my said slaves including the values
of those advanced as aforesaid I give and bequeath to my
two grand daughters Sarah B. Nelson and Fannie Waller.
I desire and hereby direct that all the rest and residue of
my estate be sold by my executor except such things as

I have given to my daughter Sarah Rose and the proceeds thereof to be applied in payment of my debts and the balance I hereby direct to be divided among my said Children and grand Children in the following proportions, that is to say, I give one equal fifth part thereof to my son William S. Thurston; One fifth part thereof to my son Edward S. Thurston; one fifth part thereof to my daughter Sarah Rose; one fifth part thereof I give to my grand daughters Sarah B. Nelson and Nannie Haller and the remaining fifth part thereof I give and bequeath to the Children of my deceased daughter Mary C. Sinclair and to the survivor or survivors of them, and if any or either of the said Children of my said daughter Mary C. Sinclair should die before attaining the age of twenty one years or before marriage then I give the said fifth part or portion of said residue of my estate to the survivor or survivors of them.

And if the said residue of my estate should not be sufficient for the payment of my debts I direct that the balance of said debts shall be paid by ratable contributions out of the amounts to be paid by my son William S. Thurston in consideration of the devise of my lands called Lonsdowne and other lands to him. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Rose a bed, bedstead and furniture for the same to be selected by her, my travelling trunk, my dressing Table and six of my best chairs.

I have herein purposely omitted making any provision in this my will for my grand daughter Nancy Morrisso as I

Table and six of my best chairs.

I have herein purposely omitted making any provision in this my will for my grand daughter Nancy Morris as I do not intend to give her any portion of my estate, for the reason that I have already given to her mother two slaves and I do not think that she requires anything from me.

I hereby appoint my son William S. Thurston executor of this my will and request that he may be permitted to qualify as such without giving security for his administration.

In Witness whereof I have subscribed my name and affix my seal this day of December 1856

Signe sealed & published in our

Rob. Thurston (seal)

presence and we in the presence
of the Testator and of each other
have attested this will

A. W. Robins

John M. Thurston

E. J. Thurston

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Gloucester County at the Court House on Tuesday the 3rd day of March 1857 This last will and Testament of Robert Thurston deceased was proved by the oath of A. W. Robins and E. J. Thurston two of the witnesses thereto subscribers and by the Court ordered to be recorded and is recorded

Teste J. W. R. Cary Clerk

Attest J. Sam. Cooke D. C.

This Copy of the last will and testament of Robert Thurston deceased attested by James Cooke deputy Clerk was presented to the Clerk of the County Court of Gloucester on the 1st day of October 1877 and the original and record thereof having been destroyed by fire in the City of Richmond in April 1865 the same was on the application of Robert M Sinclair John W. Sinclair, Wm E Sinclair and Henry F. Sinclair admitted to record and is recorded.

Teste Jno S. Cooke Clerk

Fanny
&
Jones

I Fanny E Jones do make this my last will. I desire that all I hold in the way of property whether by gift from my aunt Mrs Lucy T Gray or by gift from my sister Mrs E. S. Tompkins shall stand exactly as I leave it, to be a home for all of my dear children, to go out, and come in, as they may desire. Having made a purchase of Enfield, with the assistance of my sister Mrs W. R. Tompkins who desires that my children who reside at Enfield, Mollie E Jones, William F Jones, Horace W. Jones & Robert E Jones shall be happy in their home and to effect this, I give exclusively and entirely Enfield to Mollie E Jones so long as she remains single, if she should marry & they all desire it, Enfield may be sold, and the profits divided, but one dissenting voice may prevent a sale, if they desire to retain it as a home. The payments on Enfield have all been made with an exception of a portion of the last due 3rd Dec 79, should I die before before this last payment is fully satisfied, it must