

Freeman
William

In the name of God amen. I William Freeman of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory, thanks to the Almighty God for the same do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form to wit.

1st It is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts out of such property as he shall think best.

2nd I lend unto my beloved Wife Catharine Freeman during her life all of my real Estate with such negroes as she may want for the use of the Farm with household and kitchen furniture Farming tools, stock of Cattle and hogs and as much grain and provender as she may want for her comfort and support.

3rd I give unto my daughters Jane Smith and Mary Davis each a negro girl, the said negroes are to be selected after my wife take out such as she may want and the girl that I shall give my daughter Ellen to them and their heirs forever.

4th I give unto my daughter Ellen a negro girl Mary to her and her heirs forever.

5th I give unto my two sons Benjamin F and William H Freeman all of my real estate after the death of my wife to be equally divided among them, also such of the household and kitchen furniture with the stock that my wife may take I give it to them with the real estate to them and their heirs forever.

6th As I have given unto my son Thomas E. Freeman a negro girl to be sold and the money to be laid out in other property for the benefit of his wife and children.

7th The balance of my property I wish to be equally divided among all my children to wit, Jane Smith, Thomas E, Mary Davis, Benjamin F, William H and Ellen Freeman to them and their heirs.-----

8th After the death of my wife, the negroes that she may have I want to be equally divided as they can into six parts and that my sons Benjamin F and Wil-

children.

7th The balance of my property I wish to be equally divided among all my children to wit, Jane Smith, Thomas E, Mary Davis, Benjamin F, William H and Ellen Freeman to them and their heirs.....

8th After the death of my wife the negroes that she may leave I want to be equally divided as they can into six parts and that my sons Benjamin F and William H shall take choice, and the other four Lots shall be allotted to Jane Smith, Thomas E, Mary Davis and Ellen to them and their heirs.

9th As the affairs of our country are in a very precarious situation about the slave property and it being my wish and desire that my property shall be equally divided among my children.

If my negroes should leave and go off so that my daughters Jane Smith, Mary Davis and Ellen shall not come in for a negro girl each, then it is my will and desire that after the death of my wife my real estate and such property as she may leave to be equally divided among Jane Smith, Mary Davis, Benjamin F, William H and Ellen, as I have given my son Thomas E a negro girl to be sold for the benefit of his wife and children, but if they should not leave so they can be divided as above I have stated them I wish this will to be in full force and virtue.

10th I appoint my son Benjamin F Freeman Executor to this my last will and testament and request of the Court to let him qualify without giving security. At witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of October 1862.

Signed and delivered in presence of us)

Mrs. A. B. Thornton.

William^{sr} Melane

Benj^r Rowe.

William^{sr} Freeman (Seal)
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At a Court held for Gloucester County

at the Courthouse on Monday the 2nd day of October 1865. This last will and testament of William Freeman deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of John A. B. Thornton and Benjamin Rowe two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and by the Court ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

Teste. W. R. Cary & C. C. Cur

Smith
Frances

I Frances Smith of Glo. County Va. being of sound mind and memory thank God and of a disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will, hereby revoking all others heretofore made in matters and form as followeth Viz:

Item first- I leave all the property or my portion that is owned between me and my two sisters Sarah & Rachel Smith, both personal & real estate & also my portion of the widow's dower of my Father estate to the said Sarah & Rachel Smith during their natural lives.

2nd Item. I give the said property to Arriestad Smith my Brother, if the said Arriestad Smith should be dead before he has the said property, I give the same to his children living equally, this 2 day February 1860.

Signed sealed & delivered in
the presence of
Ralph Rowe
Robert R Berry
James H Berry

Frances X Smith (Seal)

At a Court of quarterly Session begun and held for Gloucester County at the Courthouse on Monday the 6th day of November 1865. This last will and testament of Frances Smith deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of Ralph Rowe and James H Berry two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and by the Court