

W. R. Fitch's
Will

I W. R. Fitch of the county of Shenandoah and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit,

First It is my will and desire, and I direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay and settle all of my funeral expenses and all of my just and legal debts out of any funds belonging to my estate.

Secondly I leave to my beloved wife Frances Ann Fitch during her natural life all of my real estate, and the balance of my personal property after the payment of my funeral expenses, and all my just debts, as herein before mentioned and specified.

Thirdly At the death of my beloved wife Frances Ann Fitch or soon after an agreeable arrangement can be satisfactorily perfected and agreed upon whereby a comfortable support can be secured to her between herself and my following named Children to wit: J. M. Fitch, Joselia Fay and Sally Bland. I desire and direct all of my real estate to be divided as follows to wit: The Homestead or house tract with One hundred and fifty acres more or less attached thereto I leave to my son J. M. Fitch, and at his death I give and bequeath the same to his Children. I leave to my daughter Joselia M. Fay who is intermarried with Edward Fay Forty five acres of land known as the Fay tract, with the buildings thereon, and at her death I give and bequeath the same to her Children Share and Share alike. The balance of my real estate supposed to be about seventy two acres more or less I leave to my daughter Sarah F. Bland who is intermarried with Thomas Bland and at her death I give and bequeath the same to her Children, Share and Share alike. In event of my Children during living leaving no child then I direct that portion of land

life all of my real estate, and the balance of my personal property after the payment of my funeral expenses, and all my just debts as herein before mentioned and specified

- ✓ Thirdly At the death of my beloved wife Frances Ann Fitcher or soon as an agreeable arrangement can be satisfactorily perfected and agreed upon whereby a comfortable support can be secured to her between herself and my following named Children to wit: J. M. B. Fitcher, Joselia Fay and Sally Bland. I desire and direct all of my real estate to be divided as follows to wit: The Homestead or house tract with one hundred and fifty acres more or less attached thereto I lend to my son J. M. B. Fitcher, and at his death I give and bequeath the same to his Children. I lend to my daughter Joselia S. Fay who intermarried with Edward Fay Forty five acres of land known as the Fay tract, with the buildings thereon, and at her death I give and bequeath the same to her Children Share and Share alike. The balance of my real estate supposed to be about seventy two acres more or less I lend to my daughter Sarah F. Bland who intermarried with Thomas Bland and at her death I give and bequeath the same to her Children. Share and Share alike. In event of any of my Children dying leaving no Child then I direct that portion of land lent, to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be divided between all of my Grand Children, having divided my real estate as herein before stated as nearly as I wish as to the quantity of acres of land that I have, I would add that I will at an early date designate the said parcels of land with dividing lines and marked trees or stakes across in the ground, which I wish to be recognized as proper and legal dividing lines between the said parcels land herein before described
- Fourthly. At the death of my beloved wife Frances Ann or soon as provided

in the third clause of this my last will. I lend to my son J. B. Fletcher, one pair mules. Hagon and gear and at his death I give and bequeath the said mules Hagon & gear to his children. The residue of my personal property I direct to be sold and the money arising therefrom, after the payment of my beloved wife's funeral expenses I give to my daughter Mary who is intermarried with Albert Dutton the sum of Five dollars, and to my three Grand Children by my son V. H. Fletcher the sum of Ten dollars. The remainder or balance if any to be divided in three equal parts or shares. One I lend to my son James A. B. Fletcher, one share to my daughter Josie & D. Fary and one share to my daughter Sally Bland.

Fifthly, I have omitted the names of my daughter Mary Dutton who married Albert Dutton and my three Grand Children by my son V. H. Fletcher in the division of my real estate for the reason that I have already given and assigned by and to my son V. H. Fletcher in his lifetime and to Albert Dutton husband of my daughter Mary a portion of my real estate equal or nearly so in valuation to the amount provided for and lent to my other three children.

Sixthly, I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Francis Ann Fletcher Executrix and my son James A. B. Fletcher Executor of this my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of January 1884

Signed and acknowledged
in our presence

Sam. B. Chapman
Hester L. Chapman

J. B. Fletcher Seal

At a court house before me at the Court house in Maryland, D. C. 1884

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I hereby certify that I have signed the name of my daughter Mary Dutton who married
Albert Dutton and my three Grand Children by my son W. H. Fletcher in the
division of my real estate for the reason that I have already given and assigned
by and to my son W. H. Fletcher in his life time and to Albert Dutton husband
of my daughter Mary a portion of my real estate equal or nearly so
in valuation to the amount provided for and left to my other three children
Sisters. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Francis Ann Fletcher
Executor and my son James M. Fletcher Executor of this my last will
and testament whomever. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th
day of January 1884

Signed and acknowledged
in our presence
Sam. B. Chapman
Marta S. Chapman

W. H. Fletcher Seal

At a county Court begun and held at the Court house on Monday July 1st 1889
An instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of
W. H. Fletcher dec'd was this day produced in Court and fully proved by the oaths
of Sam. B. Chapman and M. S. Chapman the subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded as the true last will and Testament of W. H.
Fletcher dec'd

True S. J. Corbitt C. C.
for S. B. Chapman C. C.