

Test Elisha C. G. G.

In the name of God Amen. I James Gowing last of Greensville County and State of Virginia being weak of body but in perfect tranquility of mind do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following Imprimis my will and desire is that all my just debts be punctually paid. Secondly I lend to my beloved wife Amy Gowing during her natural life three Negroes to be her choice three of all I have. I also lend to her two feather Beds Furniture one horse three Cows and Calves three sows and pigs and provision enough for one year and tools sufficient to make a crop, one plot and one pair one half dozen pewter plates and three pewter basins, three pewter dishes two trays all my tubs pails & fliggen. Thirdly I lend to my son James Gowing during his natural life four Negroes (namely) Kate Winny their two children, and at his death I give the said Negroes together with their future increase to my grand son James Alked Gowing. also I give to my son James Gowing but one feather bed & furniture, that he has now his possession. Fourthly I lend to my son Henry Gowing during his natural life one Negro Man by name George and at his death I lend the said Negro George to my two sons James & Benjamin Gowing and at their death I give the said George to their children their heirs and assigns forever. Fifthly I give to my son Benjamin Gowing six Negroes to wit Moses Peter, Little George, Turner, Doll, and her child Barries together with their future increase also one feather Bed and furniture to him his heirs and assigns forever. Sixthly I

468/ give to my grand son Benjamin Howard fifty dollars to be paid by my executor and I am satisfied in
thereon from the date of my sale. ^{Seventy} I give to my grand son Herbert Howard fifty dollars in
like manner. ^{Eighty} I give to my grand son Hestwell Howard fifty dollars in like manner. ^{Ninety}
I give to my grand son James Howard fifty dollars in like manner — but in case either of my gran-
sons before mentioned should die under age or without an heir lawfully begotten then and in that
case my will and desire is that their part of my estate be equally divided between the surviving one
and in case all of them should die as before mentioned then and in that case their part of my estate
is to be equally divided between all my children except my son Henry Gowing and Amy Harris.
^{Tenthly} I lend to my daughter Amy Harris during her natural life seven Negroes to wit Joss, Tom,
Estel, Marshall, Wilkinson, Luis, and her child Anderson, and at her death I give the said Negroes
to be equally divided between her surviving children, but in case all the said children of my daughter
Amy Harris should die under age or without heirs lawfully begotten then and in that case the said
Negroes is to return to my sons James & Henry Gowing to them their heirs and assigns forever. ^{Eleventhly}
At the death of my wife Amy Gowing I leave all the balance of my estate to be sold & equally
divided between my two sons James & Henry Gowing after paying my son Henry Gowing one hun-
dred Dollars to be on demand from and after the debts are made due from my sale. ^{Twelfthly} I
bequeath to my wife Amy Gowing my negro Woman Aggy and two children for and during her natural
life, and at her death my will is that the said three Negroes be valued by William Robinson and
William Garner, for Samuel Aunt to take them at the valuation should the said Aggy be willing of
not they are to be sold at public sale and be disposed of as my will directs in the eleventh clause and
lastly I do hereby and abate and give to my son James & Henry Gowing

and Dollars to be on demand from and after the debts are made due from my sale. Truly I
bequeath to my wife Arney Gowing my negro ^{Greensville County Virginia Wills, Book 2, 1806 to 1816} ~~Woman~~ ^{Aggy} and two children for and during her natural
life, and at her death my will is that the said three negroes be valued by William Robinson and
William Garner, for Samuel Ament to take them at the valuation should the said Aggy be willing of
not they are to be sold at public sale and be disposed of as my will directs in the seventh clause and
lastly I constitute and appoint my son Benjⁿ Gowing sole Executor of this my last will and testament
revoking all others &c. As witness my hand and seal this first day of Sept. 1814.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in presence of us.

William Robinson
Sally ^{his} Bottoms
mark.

Burham Ament

James ^{his} Gowing Sen (Sd)
mark

At a Court held for Greensville County the 12th day of August 1816. This Will was pro-
ved according to Law by the Oaths of William Robinson and Burham Ament two of the
Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded; And on the motion of Benjamin Gowing
the Executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with Henry Wyche Fred^k
Shelton and William Robinson his Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond
in the penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs Certificate is granted
him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

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