

Emmett Chancery Files No 15.
Copy of the Will of Robert Honeyman.

In the name of God Amen.

Robert Honeyman Doctor of Physic in Henrico County State
Virginia, being at this time in my usual health of body perfect sound
of mind do make this my last will and testament in manner
and form following:

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Bruce Honeyman all the
lot of land whereon I at present reside containing about 900 acres
or less & his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my said son Robert A.B. Honeyman my negro
man Bob, and John my negro boy Lewis, my deaf and dumb
daughter Mary, Celie and her children Maria and Beth and any
other offspring which the said Celie may have hereafter.

I give and bequeath to my said son two work horses, four work oxen
two cows and calves 20 sheep and all my stock of hogs as also

tools and cutlery 20 sheep and all my stock of hogs as also
my farming and kitchen utensils all the furniture of my
house: All my books excepting ten volumes to each of my daughters
as they shall choose: Also I give and bequeath to my said
son my watch, my guns all my medicines and surgical instruments
microscopes, excepting my best microscope in a baguena case
I give and bequeath to my son my theodolite and my diploma
of physics also a human skeleton which will be found in a
box in my chest: With my earnest request that he will
very keep this will which is of James the fifth King of Scotland
and transmit it carefully to his descendants.
I do hereby request that my son the executor of this collection of
the expenses accounts for medical services are my books as his books
and accounts, or bonds from persons for medical services only.
I do hereby declare that all debts owing by me shall be
paid from the money which I shall have at my
death and the residue of my estate or of out-
standing debts shall be paid to my son the executor.

the foregoing, bequeath to my Son, But of those which be gained
after my decease more money which was in my possession
than suffices to pay my debts owing by me it is my Will and desire
that such money shall be equally divided between my Son my
Daughter Jane Broadbent,
my daughter Cornelia Oldham, and the children of my daughter
Helen Nelson deceased.

If the whole or any part of my claim against Thomas
Mason and the estate of Thomas Storch shall hereafter be
received, I give and bequeath to my Son Robert Brace one
fifth part of the proceeds of such claim and the residue to be
equally divided between Jane Broadbent, Cornelia Oldham the
children of my daughter Helen, and my daughter Catherine or
the case she fully recovers the use of her reason.
I Will and desire that my personal property of every kind -
excepting the aforementioned bequests shall be equally appraised
and afterwards divided equally between my daughters
Jane Broadbent and Cornelia Oldham and the children of my

Jane Broadus and Caroline Oldham and the children of my daughter Nelson deceased, to them and their heirs forever as also to my daughter Caroline and her heirs whom I have by mistake omitted in the second line also and have intended it being my Will and intention that my said daughter Caroline should share equally with Jane Broadus, the children of my daughter Helen Nelson deceased.

But to make this division especially and justly all the money or property which any of my daughters or their offspring have received or shall receive in any life time shall be held and reckoned to constitute part of the estate of any of my estate and the difference shall be paid accordingly and wait down to the said children of my daughter Helen Nelson deceased.

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and if my daughter Catharine survives me and secures
perfect use of her reason then and in that case it is my will
she shall receive an equal share of my estate with my
daughters or their offspring if deceased.
if she does not survive, the perfect use of her reason I be-
quest and bequeath Two thousand dollars for her
use and benefit and comfortable support. The said
Two thousand Dollars to be placed at interest in private
bank or in the banks or in the funded Pub. Treasury and
funded debt of the United States and the interest thereof
to be kept proper attendance & comfortable
support, to be managed by Trustees legally qualified for
that purpose. The said Two thousand Dollars to be deducted
from my estate before a division takes place to my other
daughters or to their offspring if deceased.

Trustees for the above mentioned purpose to be designated
my Executors hereafter appointed of which number of Trustees

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with that my son Robert Bruce may be one and that my
daughters Catherine may remain with him under his care and
management.

The disposition of my estate or property I mean and intend every
thing in my possession at my decease viz. Slaves horses stocks
lands for money lent to sundry persons or notes for money

I judge that the fairest mode of dividing my estate and property
among my Legatee will be to make the Shares or portions
equal in value as possible and then my said Legatee
shall take Lots for their respective Share or Shares.

And my will clearly understood I will that if any
of my daughters shall die or have died before my
death without having issue, then and in that case
the said share of such daughter shall
be added to my estate or property
to be divided before the decease of her

wife, but that the full share of my estate or property
that I leave shall be given to the children of my deceased
to them and their heirs.

In the division of my Slaves among my children or their
heirs, it is my Will and desire that should be divided
among my legacies and not be sold unless such division
is. — Should separate husbands and Wives at too
great a distance and in that case, it is my Will, that the
husband or Wife shall be sold or hired out to such per-
sons as may render their connection convenient. Provided
always that such persons or persons who shall purchase
or hire such Slaves are honest & esteemed persons of
humanity and treat their Slaves well.

It is my Will and desire that my Mute Woman Ann
shall not be appraised and it is my Will and desire to
emancipate her, but supposing that she would not man-
ifest her freedom on the terms prescribed by law as it now stands
I then

and I hereby authorize my Executors to make a contract with
the purchaser of said Island in like manner I Will and desire
that my share or portion of a lot of land at Packer in Richmond
which I hold in partnership with Mr William Nelson for share be sold
whereas Mr Nelson and my Executors judge that it may sold to advan-
tage, and the proceeds of such sale to be divided equally as above directed
and respecting the proceeds of sale of my Island in James River
and it is my Will that until such sales shall be made the rents of
the Island and the lot of land at Packer shall be collected by
my Executors and equally divided among my living daughters and the
offspring of those deceased.

In the lifetime of my daughter Lucy Broadus, I gave money and property
to her husband Rev Andrew Broadus amount of which may be
found in my paper book in a small trunk above mentioned &
now as my said daughter died without issue it is my Will and
desire that one half of the said money and property shall be held and
owed to constitute part of the share of my estate bequeathed to
her son John Broadus and the said John Broadus

daughters Jane Broadbent and the calculation of such share to
made accordingly.

Further consideration of the of my daughter Catherine as it is
viable she may secure the perfect use of her reason it is my
wish that instead of two thousand dollars above mentioned
it and bequeath to my said daughter her full and
undivided share of my estate with my other daughters on the
dying of these deceased, to be managed by Trustees as directed
in the will and the surplus of the interest is profit of such
share which shall accrue after the expenses of her comfortable
living & support is deducted shall be allowed to accumulate
and account thereof to be kept by the Trustees to be
paid for when they settle the account of their trust
it to be understood that it is my will that I retain
the power of altering adding to annulling or correcting
the foregoing dispositions of my estate and
that I reserve the power to make any other bequest

in the forms of Law it is possible that this my Will may
not be perfectly correct though I have endeavored to express
my meaning and intentions as clearly as I could yet if my
Executors or

Real Heirs or Legates

or either of them should have doubt or scruples
respecting the meaning and intent of any part or clause of
this my last Will and Testament or should judge it defective
in any particular I hereby empower and authorize my Executors
or any three of them to put such construction and explanation
on the doubtful, clause or clauses or to supply the defective
parts so as to correspond with the general Tenor of the Will
and agreeable to Equitable Justice.

But if my Executors shall not agree among themselves or
these doubtful, or defective, points or clauses or if their decision
or construction thereof shall appear unequal or unsatisfactory
to my Legates or either of them, then and in that case it is

20. my Legates or Legats of them, but and in that case it is
my Will that my Executors shall choose three impartial
disinterested men and my Legats or Legats who are disinter-
ested, shall choose two more men so qualified and to these
five men the matter or matters in dispute shall be left to
be decided and determined. and it is my Will that the decision
of a majority of these five men shall be final and conclusive
as to the matter or matters in dispute, and it is my express
Will that those of my Legats who shall refuse to submit or
to abide by the decision of my Executors in the first sentence
or of the referees above mentioned in the second sentence
but shall endeavor to frustrate their award by Law shall
forfeit and lose all right and title to my estate and my
estate excepting what they shall have received in my
life time.

I hereby certify that I have signed and sealed the foregoing
last Will and Testament.

my Son in Law Dr Samuel Alden, my Son in Law the Revd Mr Andrew
Broadus. Mr William Nelson his Son Mr William Nelson Jr. Mr Richard Thompson Jr
and Mr David Black of Richmond. Earnestly requesting that all or as many of
them as possible will qualify and act as Executors, Trusting that this trouble will not be
entirely expiring in the matter of discharging my debts which is often the most difficult
and arduous duty of Executors.

Trusting also that they will act harmoniously and liberally.
It is my wish and desire that my Executors above mentioned shall qualify and
act as Executors for the care and comfortable keeping of my unfortunate dear
daughters and for the management of the share of my estate which
I have devised to them.

This Will is all written with my own hand on three pages, one on each
page signed and sealed with my own hand in testimony of its authenticity this
1st day of June Anno Dom: 1827. Robt. Honeyman Esq

I hereby Will and direct that these clauses which I have given in possession
to my daughters their husbands or their offspring of my daughters
be well kept and

passed or shall hereafter give during my life shall be held and ac-
counted the property of my said daughter, their husbands or their off-
spring of my daughters deceased, to them and their heirs forever, with-
the formality of a deed or bill of sale.
and dated this 10th day of April Anno Dom: 1812.

Robt. Storyman (Seal)

As my daughter Jane Broadbent is separated from her husband
Jane Broadbent, I will and direct that the share or portion of my
estate devised to her my said daughter Jane in the foregoing part
of my will shall after my decease be lodged and vested in
hands of trustees for the sole use or guardians of her children by Andrew
Broadbent for the use benefit and support of the said children till they
be of age, and to them or their survivors, their or full property.

And my daughter Jane Broadbent is divorced from her husband I will
and direct that the share or portion of my estate devised to her in
the foregoing part of my will shall after my decease
be paid to my said daughter in full property to her

And her children, by Andrew Broadbent. And I will that my said daughter
and I will that my said daughter ^{she} shall and remain in my house as long as
she pleases during her separation from her husband and after she is ^{separated}
from him as long as she remains in widowhood and no longer.
Signed and dated this 15th day of August Anno Dom. 1822

Robt. Honeyman (Seal)

I hereby nominate and appoint the following persons Executors to
execute and manage the share or portion of my estate I leave to my
daughter Jane Broadbent during her separation from her husband Andrew
Broadbent viz: Mr William Wilson & my son Robert Bruce Thomas
Jr, Garland Thompson & James Fontaine and Dr Thomas B. Anderson
Signed and dated this 14th day of October 1822.

Robt Honeyman (Seal)

On due consideration I think proper to nominate and appoint Executors
of this my last Will and Testament and also Trustees for receiving
and managing the share or portion of my estate which I bequeath

my now deceased partner of my estate which I bequeath
To my daughter Catharine as also the share or portion of my estate
which I bequeath to my daughter Jane Broadus while she remains
in a state of separation from her husband Andrew Broadus the
following persons viz: My son Robert Bruce Honeyman, my son
in law Dr Samuel Wilson, Mr William Nelson junior of Louisiana Mr
Karl Thompson junior, Mr David Bullock of Richmond Mr James
Fontaine Dr Thomas B Anderson. Kindly marking that I make
all former nomination of Executors and Trustees, but still retaining
the right and power of doing or adding to the above nominations
hereafter at my discretion.
Signed and sealed this 10th day of March 1854

In due consideration I have hereunto set my hand and seal

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more Bernaly and that my negro man John shall remain at my
present dwelling while the farm is kept, as while my daughters or
either of them shall remain at my present dwelling and that my
said negro man John shall be allotted to the children of
my daughter Helen in the division of my estate.
I likewise will and direct that all my household, kitchen furniture
and farming utensils shall remain at my present dwelling while
the farm is kept up or while my daughters or either of them remain
at my said dwelling: and that after the death or departure of my
daughters from my said dwelling, and the breaking up of the
farm I will that all my household and kitchen furniture and farming
utensils shall be appraised and one half of the said articles to given
my son, and the other half to my Grand Daughter Mildred or to
her and her children ones and above her share of my estate as
daughters of my deceased daughter Helen Nelson.
I give and bequeath one third part of my books to my son —
Robert Bruce: and one third part to Dr Samuel Osborn and

one third part to grand son Robert Carter Wilson.

Signed and Sealed this 15th day of July 1823.

Robert Thompson (Seal)

having read and heard the article containing in the first page
of this my Will and Testament which relate to the relief of my daughter
Mary, and a bequest to my niece Mary Thompson as it would
be difficult if not impossible for my Executors to carry the said
article and bequest into execution I have therefore amended it with
my pen. Signed and Sealed this 5th day of April 1824.

Robert Thompson (Seal)

At a Superior Court of law continued and held for Henrico County
Virginia on Thursday the 2nd of April 1824.

John W. Thompson appearing to be the last Will and Testament of
Robert Thompson dead and having been read and examined and
found to be correct by William Wilson Justice.

named in the body of the said Writing and James Fontaine
named in one of the said Codicils as Executors and Robert James
Robert, H. Nelson, and James Byars being sworn and examined
declared that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of
the said Robert, H. Nelson, deceased, and that signatures
to the said Will and Codicils were also written by the said
deceased; Whereupon the said Will and Codicils are ordered to be
recorded, and on the motion of these said Executors a certificate
is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will and
Codicils named to join in the probate thereof when they
shall think fit.

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Thomas Pollard, C. C.

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