

I Thomas Easter of the County of Hanover and State of Virginia
do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner
and form following to wit: It is my will and desire that my just
debts and funeral expenses shall be paid in such manner and
out of my personal estate as shall be adjudged best. Then I bequeath
to my beloved wife Margaret Easter all my estate both real and
personal during her natural life while she may remain my true
wife to be used and enjoyed by her by her as she may regard meet,
but in the event of her marrying again it is my will and I direct
that eighty acres of my land shall be laid off in convenient
suitable form containing the dwelling house and all the other
houses and conveniences about the same, to be held and used by
her during her natural life, with such circumstances as I
shall hereinafter mention; and I also direct that if my said wife
shall marry again, from that time she shall retain ^{her} only
only of my personal estate which I bequeath to her during ^{her} natural
life, while the other two thirds are to be disposed of as herein
after directed. In the event of my said wife marrying it is
my will and desire that all of my daughters that shall not
have previously married shall have a home if they choose
to or when they choose it while they remain single, in the
house dwelling house upon the said eighty acres of land
and at the death of my said wife, ^{that} they are the
to be divided equally among them.

out of my personal estate as shall be adjudged best. Then I direct
to my beloved wife Margaret Baxter all my estate both real and
personal during her natural life while she may remain my wife
now to be used and enjoyed by her by her as she may regard meet,
but in the event of her marrying again it is my will and I direct
that eight acres of my land shall be cut off in convenient
suitable form containing the dwelling house and all the other
houses and conveniences about the same to be held and used by
her during her natural life, with such encumbrances as I
shall herein after mention; and I also direct that if my said wife
shall marry again, from that time she shall retain one third
only of my personal estate which I bequeath to her during ^{her} natural
life, while the other two thirds are to be disposed of as herein
after directed. In the event of my said wife Maryann it is
my will and desire that all of my daughters that shall not
have previously married shall have a share of the same
as or when they shall use it while they remain single, in the
said dwelling house upon the said eight acres of land
and at the death of my said wife, my daughters that are then
single shall be taken into consideration.

Survivor should one of them be dead and at the death or Marriage
of said wife it is my will and desire that all of my land
except the said eighty acres above named shall be equally
divided among my following Children, to wit: Harvey, William
Henry, Sarah Ann, Thomasian, Robert, and Maria Louisa of my
Children John and Marietta having received their portion or birth
of them or may them be living or if any of them shall have died
leaving Children, the Children of such shall receive the portion
that would have fallen to the deceased father or mother, or if any
of them shall have died leaving no Children then the portion that
would have fallen to them shall be equally divided between all of
my surviving Children. And it is furthermore my will and
desire that all of my personal estate at the death or Marriage
of my wife shall be equally divided among my following Children,
to wit: Betty, Jane, Mary, Marietta, William Henry, Sarah Ann
Thomasian, Robert, Maria Louisa, and the Children of my Son
John Carter, deceased, who shall receive the portion that would
have fallen to him had he been living after paying a reason-
able price for their board and clothing since the death of their
father. And lastly I appoint my beloved wife Margaret
Carter my executrix to this my last will and Testament
and desire and desire that she shall not be required to give
Security. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 10th day of May 1858

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and seal this 10th day of May 1858

Signed, sealed and published,

Thomas Carter (Seal)

in the presence of

Samuel G. Powers

William W. Siviter

William Childress

Witnessed

At a court of Quarter Sessions held for Hanover County at the
Court House on Tuesday the 2nd of November 1865

This last will and Testament of Thomas Carter deceased
was proved by the oaths of Samuel G. Powers and William
Childress two of the witnesses thereto and is ordered to
be recorded

John R. O. Downall C. C.

July 1865

Attest