

I, George H. Rankins of the County of James City regarding myself of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish and declare the following to be my true last will and Testament hereby annulling and revoking all former Wills and Testaments at any time made by me.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct all of my just debts to be paid by my Executrix and Executors herein after to be named as soon as practicable after my death.

2<sup>d</sup> I give and devise unto my wife Mary A. H. Rankins for and during the full end and term of her natural life the farm upon which I now reside Called "Marl Brook" and also the tract of land Called "Shelbournes" except as to about three hundred acres more or less known as "New Quarter" and "Taylors" which embrace all of the land south of the swamp leading from the head of my meadow up said swamp to a bottom known as the "Hawkins Nest" Bottom near the Stage Road and from thence in a straight line to the main or Stage Road. I also give to my wife the privilege during her life of getting Marl from the land Called "New Quarter" and "Taylor's".

3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my wife all of my household and kitchen furniture also all of my farming utensils, also all of my stock of cattle horses, mules, sheep hogs and poultry.

4<sup>th</sup> I give to my wife one third part of all money on hand at my death, and I also give to her one third part of all bonds Notes and other debts then due to become due thereafter.

5<sup>th</sup> My son Reynolds Rankins in his lifetime caused his life to be insured for the benefit of his mother - my first wife, and she since the death of my son has what was due on the life policy amounting to \$1700. as probably the question may arise whether I am or not entitled to said Insurance money, by virtue of my marital rights, and if so the same would stand and pass as a part of my estate. I now give and bequeath unto my wife all

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6<sup>th</sup> I give and devise unto my Son William W. Hankins, after the death of my wife, the land given and devised to her for and during her natural life, with the like of getting Marl from "New Quarter" and "Taylors".

I fix the fair value of the farm given my Son William W. Hankins subject to the following conditions:

I give and devise to my son Southery S. Hantkin the farm called "Aspen Hill" and formerly owned by Alexander H. Hantkin I fix the valuation of said land at Twenty eight Hundred Dollars.

I give and devise to my son George A Hantkin the farm called "Browns" I fix the valuation of said farm at Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

Wishing to make all of my children equal in the distribution of my estate. I direct that my son Southery S. Hantkin shall pay to each of my sons. William W and George A Hantkin a sum sufficient to make their land equal with his own and I charge the land of my Son Southery with the payment of these sums of money respectively.

I give and bequeath to my two daughters Alice B. Hantkin and Marrott A Richardson, the wife of Dr. Robert B. Richardson out of money on hand at my death and out of any notes, bonds or other evidences of debts due me or to become due after deducting therefrom one third part already bequeathed my wfo. each a sum sufficient to make them equal with my sons according to the valuation I have fixed on their lands. But if there should not be sufficient money realized from my Estate for this purpose then my Sons shall pay to them the deficiency. and I hereby charge their lands respectively with said deficiency if any.

I give and devise unto my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named my land Called New Quarter and Taylor. to be by them sold either publickly or privately whenever they may think best to do so.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Alice B. Hantkin my piano. I mean the one now at my house. I give the same to my daughter in addition to what she will otherwise receive under this will.

I nominate and appoint my wife the Executrix and my Sons Southery S. William W. and George A Hantkin the Executors of this my last will and testament and request the Court to approve it.

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sufficient to make their land equal with his own and I  
charge the land of my Sons together with the payment of these sums  
of money respectively

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and Harriett A Richardson, the wife of Dr Robert B Richardson  
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Souther S. William W. and George A Harkins the Executors of this  
my last will and testament and request the Court before which they  
may qualify to require no security of them or either of them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year 1874.

Witnesses

George A Branch  
Geo. E Goddard

George Harkins.

At a County Court held for James City  
County and the City of Williamsburg, at the Court House in  
Williamsburg, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1874,

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in Said City on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1874.

An Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George H. Hankins deceased, was this day presented in Court, and upon the testimony of Cyrus A. Branch and George E. Goddy two Subscribing witnesses thereto who made Oath that George H. Hankins acknowledged and subscribed the same as his last will and testament in their presence thus all being present at the same time and they the said Cyrus A. Branch and George E. Goddy at the request of Said testator and in his presence, and in the presence of each other Subscribed the same as witness, which said will and testament being fully proven to the satisfaction of the Court. It is ordered that Said Writing bearing date 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1874 be recorded as and for the last will and testament of George H. Hankins deceased.

And upon the motion of Mary A. S. Hankins the Executrix and Dorothy S. Hankins one of the Executors therein mentioned they are permitted to qualify as Executrix and Executor of George H. Hankins deceased, whereupon they appeared in Court and took the Oath prescribed by law and Entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars. Conditioned as the law directs (no security being required in accordance with the request of the testator made in the will). It is ordered that letters of administration be granted to said Mary A. S. Hankins as Executrix and Dorothy S. Hankins as Executor of George H. Hankins deceased, in due form of law. Right is reserved to the other Executors named in the will to come in and qualify when they may see fit.

Teste:

Compt. & Moncett B.