

March 31st 1864

Knowing that in such times as we now live and circumstances as I am now, as a Sergeant in the Army of the Confederate States, the time may come when it will be impossible to give such directions in regard to my temporal affairs as I wish, therefore I make this my last will and testament and hereby constitute as my agent my father in Law James M. Duffie as my true and lawful executor to carry out all the provisions of it without security.

It is my wish that my wife Charlotte E. Tabb shall have what little property I possess consisting more of a house & lot on West side of second street between major Cary streets in the City of Richmond & some furniture at P M Tabb Jr in said City a list of which will be found in my writing desk, which desk with a medicine chest is now being kept by my mother Mrs Martha S Tabb, two bonds of the Confederate States amounting to five hundred dollars each, one of the latter dated sometime in September 1862 & the money or check for the other having been sent to the order of P M Tabb Jr within the last few days. A few in the first Presbyterian (St. Meems) Church he has a dozen silver tea spoons, sugar tongs and salt spoons. The silver being now at P M Tabb Jr in a small wooden box with sliding top painted red; and last of all that I now recollect a lot in Hollywood Cemetery where I sincerely desire that, if possible, the mortal remains of myself my truly loved & loving wife (and sweet children may be placed near the grave of our little Nell and that an inclosure be put around the lot.

Should my wife marry again I wish to my executor James M. Duffie to hold all the aforesaid property as Guardian of my children and in either event I wish him to have full power to sell the House and lot or any other real or personal property and invest the proceeds as he may think best with the full hope & expectation that the same which may be my last expressed wishes will be carried out I amunto set my hand this March 31st 1864

Chas E Tabb

The Court of King's Bench County at St. Louis will on
Thursday the 3rd day of January 1865

This Writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament
of R. W. Cobb deceased was offered for proof by James M. Coffey
the Executor therein named, and there being no subscribing witnesses
to the same Robert P. Miller of said St. Louis were sworn and
severally deposed that they were well acquainted with the testator
(said writing and only believe that the said writing and name
there to subscribed, or wholly written in the hand writing of the
said testator and thereupon the said writing is ordered to be
recorded as the true last Will & Testament of the said R. W. Cobb
deceased. And with the motion of the said James M. Coffey who
made oath thereto and with the security (none being required
by the said Will) put in and acknowledged and in
the penalty of Forty four thousand dollars conditioned according
to law, Certificate is granted to the said James M. Coffey for
obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

Witness my hand and Seal
Robert P. Miller

In the name of God

I John H. Watkins of the County of King's Bench
do make this to be my last Will & Testament.
Item 1st I wish my Executors herein after named to sell
all my Land and other property (except my Negroes) and out
of the proceeds pay all my debts.
2nd I give to my wife Ann E. Watkins in fee the sum
of Eighteen hundred dollars in view of her dower in my
estate also the Chamber furniture.
3rd The balance of my estate I wish to be equally divided
between my living children or their legal heirs. But my two
eldest sons are to have a choice ^{horse} saddle and bridle each & a
share of an equal division with the other children.
4th I appoint my two sons A. T. & J. P. Watkins &