

Testified in the name of God, amen! I John Bay
of King and Queen County, hereby recor-
ding and committing all former Wills made
by me, do make and publish this my last
will and testament, as follows, to wit.
Suprising, by virtue of a marriage contract
entered into between my beloved wife Elizabeth
and myself, before our marriage, she
is not entitled to demand any portion
of my estate, either for herself or third
or in any other way as my widow. I have
everal intimated therin to make provision
for her out of my estate, as a token of my
affection and confidence, but I very much
regret that the recent heavy loss of
property, which I have sustained in
consequence of the war, has it out of
my power to do so. I am indebted to
my said wife however, in the sum of
Twenty five hundred dollars, which she
had in hand at the time of our mar-
riage. I direct that this sum be paid to
her, in good hand or otherwise, so soon
after my death as conveniently may
convenient, but without interest, and have
made use of the interest for our mutual
advantage.

Item. I direct that my daughter Elizabeth
Cotes shall have the privilege of purchas-
ing from my executors, privately, if she
shall wish to do so, the tract of land
called Griffiths, which is supposed
to contain about one hundred and twenty
acres, at a moderate price, to be
fixed by two or more discreet per-
sons who shall be selected by my execu-
tors.

for that purpose.

I then say, "It has always been my intention to give to each of my children, an equal share of my estate with the rest, and with this view, I have charged them with advancements which I have from time to time, made to them, including that these advancements should be demanded by the children to whom they were made, who were living, and the issue of such of men as might be then dead, leaving issue, in the final division of my estate. These advancements will be found charged on my books, and they will be found entered in account, & account of any child having been advanced more largely than others, owing to the losses &c of property which I have sustained in consequence of the war. I have not sufficient estate left fully to provide my children in this respect, but in order to do justice among them, as nearly as possible in the distribution of the estate, I still say, I direct that any child to whom I may have made an advancement, if then no child living at my death, if then no next child born to the child to whom I have made the smallest advancement shall first receive out of my estate, a sufficient sum of money, to bring such child up even with the child to whom the largest advancement in case such child to whom unadvanced otherwise, with the child to whom the next largest advancement has been made, that then these two shall each receive a sufficient sum of money to bring them up even with the child most levied. that then these three shall be brought up

end with the Court, and so on applying
 upwards, until my whole estate shall
 be forced up, for carrying this provision into
 effect, it will be necessary to ascertain
 Certainly the amount of advancement made
 to each child, and in estimating advances
 made to my married daughter
 charge which may be found upon
 my bank against them or against their
 husband or against them and their
 husband jointly, shall be considered in
 each case, as advancements to them
 respectively, and the issue of any child
 who may be dead, or ^{who} may die
 hereafter in my lifetime shall be
 charged with advancements made to
 parent or parents, and shall pro-
 rorportion its parent and be entitled
 to whatever balance, its parent or with
 be entitled to under this clause of any one
 if living at my death, But the pro-
 vision of this clause are subject, to an
 & the payment of all my just debts,
 I am. The provisions of the last preceding clause
 are based upon the calculation that I shall
 not leave sufficient estate, after paying my
 debts, to make all my children equal
 should this however, contrary to my expec-
 tation, turn out otherwise, then I desire
 that all shall first be made equal, and
 amounts to be charged to them in each
 according to the provisions of said clause
 the issue of any dead child, standing
 each case, and the share of its parent
 and the surplus if any, shall be di-
 vided equally among them, the issue

any, or any child then dead, taking the same, to
which its parent or parents have entitled it by
will.

If true, I direct that all my estate of every de-
scription, both real and personal, be sold by my
executor upon such terms, and in such man-
ner as they may deem best, unless my daughter
Eunice should wish to purchase "Griffith" in
which case, she must be allowed to purchase
in the manner herein before provided. Should
she however decline to purchase Griffith,
also is included in the direction of this
clause.)

Lastly I appoint my Sons Richard Hagg
and John Robert Executors of this my will
and I desire that they be permitted to
execute without giving security.
In witness whereof, I have setto subscription
my name and affixed my seal this 15th
day of May 1866.

John Bay by seal
Signed & sealed & published by John Bay by, as his last
will & testament, in the
presence of me, and subscriber
here, as witnesses, in the
presence and in the presence
of each other,

J.W.P. Courtney

B.H. Waller

W.B. Wright Clerk

I John Bay by the County of New London
do make this Codicil to this my last will
and testament as follows First, If it is my
will and desire that my beloved wife
Elizabeth shall have all the household fur-
niture she may require, after
we were married, after any other house
furniture she may wish to have belonging

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land which I give Standard & Air Line
forward. It is my wish that my son
Robert Mayes Bagby shall take care
of my wife as long as she lives. In
victress event I have power to set
my hand and seal this 16th day of
April 1866.

John Bagby ~~and~~
Codicil

I John Bagby of the County of New and
I am about this second Codicil to
the my last will & Testament set out before
to witness. It is my will and desire also
in case my Daughter Lucinda C. Carr
should decline purchasing the land of land
upon which she now resides called Green
field, that she should be allowed to re-
main in possession of the same as
long as she lives by paying a moderate
yearly rent, and at her death the said
lands shall be sold and the proceeds
divided as herein before directed, and
witness my hand and seal this 1
day of March 1869.

John Bagby ~~and~~

In the County Court July 8th 1870
This writing purporting to be the last in
will and testament of John Bagby is
with two Codicils annexed and pro-
ved in Court, by John R. Bagby and
the executors herein named, and the
will was proved by the oath of a
notary one of the subscribing wit-
nesses, and William P. Courtney a
n of the subscribing witnesses and the

Having departed this life, B. H. Walker and J. H. C.
 Jones were sworn and severally deposed that
 they are without any familiarity with the said
 Christopher M. and writing, and that they verily
 believe the said signature thereunto subscribed
 to be his proper hand writing, and that they
 are subscribing witness to the said Codicil
 B. H. Walker and J. H. C. Jones were sworn and
 severally deposed that they are without any
 familiarity with the said Testator hand
 writing and verily believe the said writing
 and the name thereunto subscribed, to be
 wholly written by the Testator own hand,
 whereupon the said writing are admitted
 to be recorded as the true last will
 and testament of the said John Bay of
 deceased, and as written of the said
 John R. Bay by the surviving executors there-
 in named who made oath thereto, when-
 et into and other corporate a bond in the
 sum of one thousand dollars without
 security, the Testator having my witness
 in his said Will that no security
 should be required of his said executors
 conditioned according to law, a certificate
 is granted him for obtaining a probate
 of the said Will in due form.

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B. G. Taylor Clerk
Truly Recorded

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