

the said writing in order to be returned as the law
law with and testimony of the said Archibald Pointer
deceased and William B. Pointer Alfred B. Gwalling and
Thomas W. D. Faulkner the executors named in the said
will having appeared in court and refused to take upon
themselves the burden of the execution thereof the
motion of James W. Smith who made oath thereto
and with Alexander Fleet James R. Fleet James H. C.
James Alfred B. Gwalling and William B. Pointer
his securities entered into and acknowledged a
bond in the penalty of Twenty two thousand dollars
conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted
that said James W. Smith for obtaining letters of
administration on the said deceased estate with
his will appeared and answered in due form.

Take
Truly yours Robert F. Jones J.C.
Take

In the name of God Amen I Polly W. Cockstaff King
Queen County, Virginia, do make this my last will and
testament as follows, to wit:

It is my wish and desire that my executors here in
after named, shall as soon after my decease as conveni-
ently may be, sell all of my estate of every description
both real and personal upon such terms as he may deem
most advantageous, and out of the proceeds of sale first pay
off all my just debts and then dispose of the residue as is
herein after directed.

Having heretofore given to my daughter Susan Atkins a
feather bed, valued by me, at the sum of Thirteen dollars
it is my wish that my other children to wit, Polly, Mahalul,
Nancy, Fountain, Carr, Thomas and Joseph shall each receive
out of my estate the sum of Thirteen dollars in order to make
them equal to their sister Susan, on this account, unless either
of my just last mentioned daughters to wit Polly, Mahalul,

40 and Nancy should prefer to take a feather bed of such
beds as I may leave at my death in lieu of said sum
of thirteen dollars, in which case my said Executor
is authorized to remove a feather bed for each of my
said daughters who shall prefer the same, in lieu of
said sum of thirteen dollars and such of my said
other children as shall not thus have beds, shall each
have the sum of thirteen dollars.

After payment of debts and expenses of adminis-
tration and taking out of said proceeds of sale what
may be sufficient for the purpose above specified
I wish the residue thereof to be distributed equally
among all my children.

I appoint J. C. Jones executor of this my last will
and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Polly W. Cook have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th
day of February 1855.

The testatrix Polly W. Cook not knowing how to write
her name, it was signed to this paper in her presence
and by her direction by Samuel P. Ryland and the said
Polly W. Cook after words acknowledged published and
declared the same as and for her last will and Testament
in our presence, who in her presence and in the presence
of each other and by her request have subscribed
our names hereto as witness.

Samuel P. Ryland
Jos. Ryland

Polly W. Cook

I Polly W. Cook having made and executed
my will as above written, bearing date on the 5th
day of February 1855 do make and ordain this Codicil
thereto, to wit: Having directed in said will that
the bed given to my daughter Susan A. Thum should
be valued at thirteen dollars and that each of my
other children should receive the sum of thirteen
dollars to make them equal to their said sister.

I account and if my other daughters should have a bedstead
where they were authorized to do, and that those children
who should not take beds, should receive said sum of
fifteen dollars each. I now further direct that in
particular valuation shall be attached to the bed
given to my daughter Susan Atkins but that other
daughters shall have a bed each still, if they wish it
and that my said and such of my daughters as shall not
take beds, shall each have such sum in money to be paid
them in currency at the time of settlement as shall be
considered by the appraisers of my estate, of an equivalent
for said beds advanced to and taken by my other
children. Further, I leave it entirely discretionary
with my executor, as to when the sale of my estate directed
in my will shall take place, and on what terms said
sale shall be made, authorizing him to sell different
portions of said estate, at different times, if he shall see fit
to do so, having full confidence in him, that he will act in the
matter throughout as he may think most advisable for the
interest of my estate and of my children. He may, if he see fit,
defer the sale until the war is over and the currency of the
country settled. And I further direct that no security be
required of my Executor for the performance of his duties
as such. Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of January
1865

Witness

Matthew Jones

Robert G. Verlander

Polly W. Cook (seal)

A Quardway Court held for King and Queen
County at Stroudville on Thursday the 24th day of November 1865
This last will and testament of Polly W. Cook dec'd
and the Codicil annexed was offered for proof and the
said will was proved by the oaths of Samuel P. Ryland
and Joseph Ryland the witnesses thereto subscribed and
the said Codicil was proved by the oath of Matthew
Jones a witness thereto subscribed. Teste Robert G. Verlander

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The Court held for King and Queen County
at Shoupsville on Thursday the 7th day of
December 1865

This Codicil to the last Will and Testament
of Polly W. Cook died was further proved by the oaths
of Robert G. Verlander a witness thereto subscribed
and the said Will and Codicil are ordered to be
recorded

Teste
Truly recorded
Teste Robert G. Verlander

In the name of God Amen I Ann R. Bland of the
County of King and Queen in the State of Virginia being
of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my
last Will and Testament

First I will and direct that all my just debts be paid
by my executor hereinafter named

Second I devise and bequeath all my estate after
the payment of my debts as aforesaid to my son Benjamin
Bland who the said debts shall be real or personal

Third and lastly I nominate and appoint my
said son Benjamin Bland executor of this my
last Will and Testament and I require the Court in
which he may qualify to permit him to do so without
withholding any security. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my name this
day of 16th May in the year 1868

signed sealed published and declared

by Ann R. Bland as and for her

last Will and Testament in our presence

who in the presence of said testatrix

and in the presence each other at

the presence of said testatrix subscribed

our names as follows to wit

William James Carr

James A. G. Galt

Bettie M. Galt

Ann R. Bland

Ann Galt