

and verily believe the said writings, and the name thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the Testator's own hand. Whereupon the said writings are ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said Walter R. Carsten died.

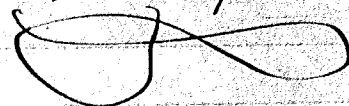
Teste

Spottswood Bird D.C.

Truly recorded

Teste,

B. & Taylor Esq



No. 1008

In the name of God Amen!
I, Ralph Bland of the County of King and
and State of Virginia, being weak in body, but of sound
and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain
this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all
others heretofore made by me.

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses
be paid out of the money and lands that I may have
at the time of my death.

2^{ndly} I give and devise to my Grand Children James
Francis Vaughn, Robert Bland, Mary Ann Bland
and Frankling Bland, children of my deceased son
Spencer Bland and their heirs forever, the tract of
land on which my said son Spencer Bland lived
his life, and also four negroes, which I leased to
said son Spencer Bland in his lifetime, and now
in the possession of his widow Nancy Bland
following, Isaac, George, Rachel and Rege, with
~~and~~ the future increase of the females thereof, on
the condition that my daughter-in-law Nancy
Bland widow of my said son Spencer Bland
shall during her natural life be entitled

received annually on the first day of January in each year the sum of Fifty dollars, and for which sum payment is to be made out of the monies arising from the rent and hire of the aforesaid land and negroes

I leave to my daughter-in-law Frances Bland widow of my son Jesse Bland dec^d. the tract of land on which I now reside and three of my negroes, namely as following. Old Rachel, Bob, and Alexander and also all my household ~~stew~~ furniture, farming utensils and all of my stock of ~~any~~ kind soever it may be during her widowhood, and at her marriage or death

I give the same aforesaid leased land and negroes old Rachel, Bob, and Alexander to my grand-children, hereinafter mentioned, equally to be divided among them, and to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

I give and devise to my grand children Joseph Ralfe Bland, William Charles Bland and Alexander Thomas Bland, children of my deceased son Jesse Bland the following slaves to wit: Henry, Charles, Sally, and her two children Elizabeth and Frances, with the future increase of the females thereof to them and their heirs forever - Upon the condition that if my said daughter-in-law Frances Bland now the widow of my said son Jesse Bland dec^d. shall marry, then she shall during her natural life be entitled to receive annually on the first day of January in each year the sum of Fifty dollars, and for which sum payment is to be made out of the monies arising from the hire of the aforesaid negroes, or any money that may remain out of the sales of the perishable part of my estate.

I devise that all of the perishable part of my Estate that I leave to my said daughter-in-law Frances Bland, widow of my s^d son Jesse

Shall be immediately sold after his marriage or by my Executors, (or either one of them) hereinafter named, and the proceeds thereof, with any balance that may remain of the money and bonds which I may leave at my death, after the payment of my just debts, I give and devise to my Grand Children Joseph Bland, William Charles Bland, Alexander Thomas Bland, the amount for which the perishable part of my property shall sell for, as well as any balance that may remain of my money and bonds aforesaid, to them and their heirs forever.

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I devise that all my Dragon land be immediately sold after my decease by my Executors, or either one of them, hereafter named, and the net amount for which the Dragon land may sell for I devise for that amount to be equally divided amongst my seven Grand Children before named, and

Lastly

I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Rodrick Bland and Francis Smith Executors or either one of them to act as my Executor of my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other former Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made, and request the Court to which they may apply to have this will admitted to probate to name of them or either of them no security, as I have full confidence in their honesty and integrity.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this ... day of April in the year 1843.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence.

Sy. C. Slaughter,
John M. Taylor,
Richard Douglas
Wm. S. Willis

Ralph Bland (son)

Codicil 1st

It is my Will and desire that the negroes devised by me to my grand Children Joseph Ralph Bland, William Charles Bland, and Alexander Thomas Bland, Children of my son Jesse Bland decd: be retained by Rodrick Bland, one of my Executors named in my said Will, and by him to be hired out until my said grand Children shall respectfully attain full age or marry, that is as each one shall thus attain full age or marry they are to receive their share. If any or all of the said negroes shall become unruly and disobedient in any way, it is my wish and desire that my said Executor shall (if he sees proper to do so) sell all or any of the said negroes, and either loan out the proceeds of such sale, or invest the amount in other property as he may think best for the benefit of my said grand Children, and it is also my Will and desire that said Executor may for the like cause sell any or all of the negroes devised to my daughter-in-law Frances Bland, widow of my son Jesse Bland decd. and loan out the proceeds thereof, and to pay her the interest annually during her widowhood: and it is my will and desire at the death or marriage of my said daughter-in-law Frances Bland that my said Executor take into her possession my track or parcel of land, that I devised to my grand Children Joseph Ralph Bland, William Charles Bland, and Alexander Thomas Bland Children of my son Jesse Bland decd: and by him to be rented out until my said grand Children shall respectfully attain full age or marry, that is as each one shall thus attain full age or marry they are to receive their share of the said track of land.

In order that my grand Children Joseph

Ralph Bland, William Charles Bland, and Alexander Thomas Bland, Children of my son Jesse Bland shall have a maintenance and be educated in a becoming manner. It is my will and desire that my said Executor shall appropriate the proceeds of the rents of the land, and the hires of the negroes to their maintenance and their education, as above stated, and if the rents and hires prove insufficient for above purposes, then I desire that my said Executor shall out of the monies arising from the sale of my perishable part of my Estate at the death or marriage of my daughter-in-law Francis Bland pay and satisfy such part of their board or schooling as may remain unpaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23^d day of Oct. The year 1843

Signed sealed and acknowledged } Ralph Bland
 in our presence }
 James Carr }
 Richard Douglas }
 John M. Taylor }

*one of the witnesses there subscribed, and
 The said Codicil was proved by the oath of
 the said Richard Douglas,

At a Quarterly Court held for King & Queen County at the Courthouse on Monday the 12th day of August 1850. This last Will and Testament of Ralph Bland decd. and the Codicil annexed were offered for proof by Frederick Bland, one of the Executors therein named, and the said Will was proved by the oath of Richard Douglas and James Carr witnesses there subscribed. And William D. Willis a witness to the said Will being dead, and John M. Taylor a witness to the said Will and Codicil being dead, Richard Shackelford being ~~named~~ deposed, that he is well acquainted with

hand writing of the said Willis and Taylor, and
verily believes that their said signatures to the said
writing subscribed are in their own proper handwriting
and thereupon the said writing with the codicil there-
to annexed is ordered to be recorded as the true
last Will and Testament of the said Ralph Bland
deceased.

Teste.

Robert Pollard Jr. C.C.

A Copy

Teste

Jury: J. Taylor D.C.
April 13th '52

In the Clerk's Office of King & Queen County Court
July 8th 1875.

The Record and original Will of Ralph Bland
decd. being lost by the burning of the Clerk's Office
of this County by the public enemy, and this Copy
authenticated "Teste Robert Pollard Jr. C.C. A Copy
Jury: J. Taylor D.C. April 13th '52." is on
the motion of Miles W. Corr admitted to record
anew.

Teste

Spottwood Bird D.C.

Truly recorded

Teste,

J. T. Taylor Clerk

