

Reflection upon the uncertainty of life and the propriety of
making a testamentary distribution of my whole estate I
Richard Knott Senr of Lunenburg County being of sound heart
and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testa-
ment inforce following Vitz.

Item I give unto my wife Mary Knott during her natural
life (upon condition) that she shall reside upon the plan-
tation on which I now live on, together with all the stock
of every kind remaining on the same at my death, also all my
house hold and kitchen furniture and after her death it is my
will and desire that all the stock then remaining with all the house
hold and kitchen

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and the money arising there
from to be equally divided among all my children, when any of chil-
dren have died and left children or child it is my will and intention
that they should succeed to the parts that would have belonged to its
or their parents and it is also my will and desire that if my wife
Mary Knott should move off the said plantation it is my will and
desire that my executors should sell all my house hold and kitchen
furniture and stock of all kind and the money arising therefrom
to be equally divided among all my children as before directed
I give unto my wife Mary Knott one half of the crop of grain
and all the fodder.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bragg one
piece of the land on which I now live

and all the fodder.
I Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bragg one
negroe by the name of Silvey which she has now in possession
I also lend her two negroes named Bet and George the said negroes
to be hired out by my son William Knott every year during her
natural life and the money arising therefrom to be applied
to the use and benefit of said Hannah Bragg and her children.
I also lend her one equal proportion of the money arising from the
sales of Land or Lands which my executor is hereinafter directed
to sell which money is to be put out at interest under
the direction of my executor and the profits to be applied
to the same use and benefit. I also lend to her one hundred
dollars which ~~shall be paid out of the money~~ ^{is to be paid out of the money}
arising from the sales of the aforesaid land or lands which is
to be applied to the same use and benefit of Hannah Bragg
and her children. It is my will and desire if my son William
Knott can purchase land with the above money to do so for the
use and benefit of said Hannah Bragg and her children. It is
also my will and desire that after the death of my said daughter
Hannah Bragg that the negroes and money above bequeathed &
given should be equally divided among said Hannah Bragg's
children or if my son William Knott should purchase land
for the use of said Hannah Bragg and her children after her
death it is my will and desire for the land also to be divided
equally among them.

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I also leave her one equal proportion of the money arising from the
sales of Land or Lands which my executor is herein after direct
ed to sell which money is to be put out at interest under
the direction of my executor and the profit to be applied
to the same use and benefit. I also lend to her one hundred
dollars which hundred dollars is to be paid out of the money
arising from the sales of the aforesaid Land or Land which is
to be applied to the same use and benefit of Hannah Bragg
and her children. It is my will and desire if my son William
Scott can purchase Land with the above money to do so for the
use and benefit of said Hannah Bragg and her children. It is
also my will and desire that after the death of my said daughter
Hannah Bragg that the negroes and money above loaned &
given should be equally divided among said Hannah Bragg's
children or if my son William Scott should purchase Land
for the use of said Hannah Bragg and her children after her
death it is my will and desire for the Land also to be divided
equally among said Hannah Bragg's children & further if said
Hannah Bragg wishes to take the said negroes home with her
she can do it instead of their being sold out
I am for ever yours &c. into the hands of my son James
Scott & his wife Mary & their heirs and their and one
other children of the said James Scott

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from the sales of the aforesaid Land or Lands, I do give and bequeath
 unto them one hundred dollars which hundred dollars is to be paid out
 of the money arising from the sales of the said Land or Lands to them
 and their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son
 Richard Knott three negroes that is to say Buck Pat & Harry
 and one equal part of the money arising from the sales of the
 aforesaid Land or Lands. I do give and bequeath unto them the said
 Richard Knott one hundred dollars which hundred dollars is to be paid
 out of the money arising from the sales of the said Land or Lands
 to him and his heirs forever. Item I lend unto my daughter Bet-
 sey Smithson three negroes ^{Wm. Jerry, Sarah and George (son of}
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 Delphy) during her ~~whole~~ ^{life} (be it fully understood that it
 is my will and desire that each of the legatees is to receive their one
 hundred dollars of the money arising from the sales of the aforesaid Land or
 Lands except my daughter Betsey Smithson) and after that then my daugh-
 -ter Betsey Smithson is to have one equal part of the balance of the
 money arising from the sales of the aforesaid Land or Lands; It is
 also my will and desire that after the death of my ^{said} daughter
 Betsey Smithson that the money and negroes above named should be
 equally divided among all her children. Item I give and bequeath
 unto my son William Knott four negroes Wm. Delphy Green (son of
 Delphy) Jerry and Polly with one hundred dollars which hundred dol-
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shan be to be paid of the money arising from the sales of the afore-
 said Land or Lands and after that the said William Knott is to
 have an equal part of the money arising from the sales of the afore-
 said Land or Lands. I also give and bequeath unto him the said
 William Knott the plantation wherein I now live after the death of
 my wife Fanny Knott to him and his heirs forever.
 It is my will and desire that my Executors see the balance of my
 Land or Lands and apply the money arising therefrom as I have
 before directed, I do hereby appoint my son William Knott
 and William Ellis my executors to this my last will & Testament.
 In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this sixteenth
 day of June in the ^{Lunenburg County Wills 1848-1826} ~~year~~ and eight hundred & twenty
 eight. The words (her of & my) interlined before signed

Witness
 Wm. Burton v
 John True v
 John Harding

Richard Knott ^{noted} Seal
 (Seal)

In Lunenburg county court 18th August 1828
 The within written last will and Testament of Richard Knott
 decd, was presented in court and proved by the oaths of two of the attes-
 therate subscribers and ordered to be recorded.
 Deale Mary Taylor