

Elizabeth Lawrence's Will

I, Elizabeth Lawrence, of the County of Nansemond and State of Virginia, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows, hereby revoking any and all former wills:

After all my just debts shall have been paid, it is my will and desire that all my property, both real and personal, wherever found or located shall be left and bequeathed and devised in the following manner.

I desire that my husband, H. T. Lawrence shall have the whole and sole use of my farm near Magnolia Station in Nansemond County, Virginia, containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less, together with my daughter Mrs. Willie M. Latimer during their lifetime, to be used and controlled by them jointly or after the death of either of them, the other surviving shall have entire use and control of same during his or her natural lifetime.

And it is also my will and desire that all personal, chattel and mixed property of every kind, nature and description shall be theirs, to remain thereon the farm in same way and manner as it was during my lifetime, for their whole use and behoof during their natural lives.

After the death of my said husband and daughter it is my will and desire that this said farm and personal estate shall be the property of my son, J. H. Harrell for his lifetime only, but to be his to live at or control during his lifetime only, but not to be subject to any debts that he may make or incur.

And it is my will and desire that my said husband and daughter shall keep up the taxes and insurance on said property, and keep the buildings in good repair during their lifetime, and that my said son shall do likewise whenever he becomes in possession of said property, so long as he shall remain in possession or so long as he lives.

After the death of my said husband, son and daughter hereinbefore named and mentioned, it is my will and desire that all the said property, real and personal and mixed shall become the property of all of my living grandchildren, or their nearest heirs. They to do as they think best, only it is my will and desire that each shall have an equal part if the farm is sold and converted into money, as well as what personal estate that is left at that time.

And lastly, it is my will and desire that no inventory or appraisement be made of my estate, for if any debts are owing by me at the time of my death they will be paid, and trust that it will not be necessary for any one to even qualify on my estate as Administrator or Administratrix, but should it become necessary, then my said husband and daughter can name the proper party to qualify.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, published and declared this to be my last will and testament, this the 14th of April, 1911.

Witnesses: J. Walter Hosier.

Elizabeth Lawrence (SEAL)

G. A. Turner.

The annexed will of the said Elizabeth Lawrence, being sealed, published and declared as her last will and testament, in our presence, and we, in the presence of each other hereby become subscribing witnesses at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other.

J. Walter Hosier.

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J. Walter Hosier.
G. A. Turner.

Virginia:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County the 28th day of February, 1912.

The last will and testament of Elizabeth Lawrence late of this county, deceased, was this day produced before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, and proved according to law by the oath of J. Walter Hosier, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, (it appearing that G. A. Turner, the other witness has departed this life), and is ordered to be recorded.

And on the motion of Mrs. Willie M. Latimer who made oath as the law directs and together with H. T. Lawrence, her surety, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Four Hundred Dollars, conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted her, the said Mrs. Willie M. Latimer for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Lawrence, deceased, with the last will and testament of said deceased annexed, in due form. And it is ordered that said
Teste: G. E. Bunting, Clerk,
By A. L. Twitty, D. C.
bond be recorded.