

I, Garrison Cress, of the County of Nansemond, in the State of Virginia, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made, do hereby make my last will and testament, as follows:

1. I desire that my body may be decently buried, without needless expense, and that a grave stone be erected at my grave, which shall be in keeping with my estate and station in life.

2. I direct that my just debts be paid as soon after my death as conveniently may be, and to that end charge my whole estate, real and personal, with the same.

3. I give and devise to my wife Luvenia Cress, for and during her life, as long as she remains my widow, my farm in Nansemond County, Virginia, upon which I now reside (my home place) together with all household and kitchen furniture, carts, wagons, buggies, harness, agricultural and other implements, and goods of all kind used upon the said land; growing crops, and provisions of all sorts laid in for family consumption. Upon the death or marriage of my wife, I give and devise the above described property to my grand son Lezier Cress. But if my grand son Lezier Cress should die without lawful issue, in that event I devise the said land to my relatives Clinton Dillard, Elijah Brown and John H. Holland, share and share alike.

4. I give and devise to my daughter Louisa, wife of Wiley J. Tharpe Jr., in fee simple, my farm in Nansemond County, Virginia known as the Elisha Tyler farm.

5. I give and devise to my daughter Louisa (wife of Wiley J. Tharpe, Jr.) and my grand son Lezier Cress, in fee simple, share and share alike, my one half interest in the lot and store house, in the Town of Holland, Nansemond County, Virginia.

6. I direct that my business affairs that I may have at the time of my death, be wound up as quickly as possible after my death and converted into money. I also direct that all my horses, mules, cattle, hogs and stock of every kind, be sold and converted into money.

7. I give and bequeath to my wife Luvenia Cress, my daughter Louisa Tharpe and my grand son Lezier Cress, all the cash money I may have at the time of my death, including the cash derived from the sale of articles mentioned in the 6th clause of this my will, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, to be divided equally, each to receive one third.

8. All the rest and residue of my estate, of every kind and character, I give to my daughter Louisa Tharpe.

9. I name and appoint Luvenia Cress, of Nansemond County Virginia, the executrix of this, my last will and testament, and request that she may be allowed to qualify as such by giving bond without security.

Given under my hand this the 12 day of

April, 1918.

his
Garrison X Cress

4. I give and devise to my daughter Louisa, Jr., in fee simple, my farm in Nansemond County, Virginia known as the Elisha Tyler farm.

5. I give and devise to my daughter Louisa (wife of Wiley J. Sharpe, Jr.,) and my grand son Lezier Cress, in fee simple, share and share alike, my one half interest in the lot and store house, in the Town of Holland, Nansemond County, Virginia.

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7. I give and bequeath to my wife Luvenia Cress, my daughter Louisa Sharpe and my grand son Lezier Cress, all the cash money I may have at the time of my death, including the cash derived from the sale of articles mentioned in the 6th clause of this my will, after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, to be divided equally, each to receive one third.

8. All the rest and residue of my estate, of every kind and character, I give to my daughter Louisa Sharpe.

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Witness,

W.H. Cresser.

Signed and acknowledged by Garrison Cress as and for his last will and testament, in our presence, who, in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other, have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

W.H. Cresser,

D.W. Lee,

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County on the 12th day of Sept., 1918.

The last Will and Testament of Garrison Cress (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 oaths of W.H. Cresser and D.W. Lee, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

And on the motion of Luvenia Cress, who is named in the said will and Testament as Executrix of the estate of the said Garrison Cress, deceased, who made oath according to law, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, conditioned and payable according to law, but without security, the said Will directing that none be required of her, certificate is granted her the said Luvenia Cress as Executrix, for obtaining a probate of said Will and Testament in due form. And it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

TESTE: G. E. Bunting, Clerk.
BY, Ruby V. Benton, D. C.

Suffolk, Va.

Oct. 3, 1918

I Dolly Rodgers of the County of Nansemond, State of Va. make this my last will and testament. After a suitable burial & my just debts are paid, I give devise, bequeath my estate and Real property as follows:

I give to Minnie Savage my adopted daughter one bed outfit now in her possession, all of my other personal property of every nature I give to my children Aphilia, Catherline, Jennie, & Isaac Rodgers, share and share alike. The Home Place where I now reside I give to Aphilia Rodgers, The adjoining lot on First St. Jericho, I give to Catherline Stewart. The Southerly lot on 2nd St. Jericho, I give to Jennie Rodgers, & the northerly lot I give to Isaac Rodgers. All this I give to all, individually in fee simple.

I appoint W. H. Creeker of the city of Suffolk, Executor of this my last will to act without Bond or security. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will in Nansemond Co. Va. this 3rd day of October, 1918.

her

Witness, W. H. Creeker.

Dolly X Rodgers
mark

(SEAL)

The said Dolly Rodgers of Nansemond Co. Va., on the 3rd day of October, 1918, signed and sealed this instrument, and published and declared the same as and for her last will, in our presence, & went her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have hereto written our names as subscribing witnesses:

Nannie J. Epps.

E. A. Williams

Wife of
Dolly
Rodgers