

Hannah
Copeland's
Will

In the Name of God, Amen,

I, Hannah Copeland of Suffolk, Nansemond County, State of Virginia,

do make this my last will and Testament as follows:

1st. First, I direct that my body be decently buried in a manner corresponding to my estate and situation in life, but with as little expense as may be consistently therewith.

2nd- Secondly, As to the real estate (My Farm), I die, possessed of I give, devise and bequeath the same wholly and entirely without reservation or exception to my beloved son and daughter Richard Copeland and Maria Copeland, jointly and equally forever in fee simple absolute.

3rd. Third, I give and devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter, (Machel Copeland) a home during her natural life on good conduct.

4th- Fourth, I further devise and direct my beloved son, Richard to give to my beloved daughter, Zilphy Copeland, the sum of Thirty (\$30.00/xx) dollars and my beloved daughter, Maria Copeland is to give to my beloved daughter Mattie Phillips the sum of fifteen (\$15.00/xx) dollars.

5th- Fifth, I give, devise, and bequeath my bed and bureau and all of the outfit to my beloved daughter, Mariah Copeland.

6th- Sixth, As to such personal estate as I die seized and possessed of I give, devise and bequeath the same wholly and entirely without reservation or exception to my beloved son and daughter, Richard Copeland and Machel Copeland jointly and equally between them forever absolute.

7th- Seventh, I further desire at the death of my beloved son and daughter, Richard Copeland and Mariah Copeland that all of my real estate shall go from heir to heir to my nearest blood kin forever in fee simple especially the boys.

8th- Eighth, I appoint Charlie W. Luke, Executor and my beloved son, W. H. Copeland is to assist the said Executor of my last will, and desire that no security be required of him of such.

9th- Ninth, I hereby revoke all previous wills, and codiciles hither to made by me.

WITNESS my hand this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord 1909.

Witness:

A. J. Brown.

Hannah (her x mark) Copeland.

Signed and published by Hannah Copeland, as and for her last will, in the presence of us, who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witness.

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VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on Friday the 23rd day of December, 1910.

A paper writing dated the 14th day of November, 1909, purporting to be the last will and testament of Hannah Copeland, 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 Andrew J. Brown and Charlie W. Luke, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded as and for the true last will and testament of the said Hannah Copeland, de-

ceased.

Teste:

R. P. Smith, Clerk.

By A. D. Twitty, D. C.

June 14, 1910.

I, James J. Gray, being mentally sound and of lawful age, on Tuesday, June 14, 1910, make this my last will and testament.

I bequeath to my devoted and ever faithful wife, Dollner Lee Gray, all property belonging to me of any character whatsoever, real, personal or otherwise. That she not be required to give bond and that she be permitted to immediately take charge of the contents of our safe deposit box #52 of the Norfolk National Bank of Commerce.

As this document is in my own hand writing I understand that witnesses to signature are not necessary.

James J. Gray

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on Tuesday the 17th day of January, 1911.

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James J. Gray late of this county, deceased, was this day produced before the Clerk of this Court by Dollner Lee Gray, and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, Hattie Parker Jones and Mamie Lee Tourtellot were sworn and deposed that they were acquainted with the handwriting of the testator and verily believe the said writing and the name thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the own hand of the testator. Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said James J. Gray, deceased.

On motion of Dollner Lee Gray who made oath as the law directs and together with Mamie Lee Tourtellot, her surety, (who justified on oath as to her sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, with condition according to law, certificate is granted her, the said Dollner Lee Gray for and in

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