

Jos. J. Lawrence's
Will

I, Joseph J. Lawrence of the County of Nausumond in the State of Virginia, do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows-

First: I give to my son William J. Lawrence that part of the Ely Daughtrey tract of land lying on the North side of the road, to run as the road runs to the South tract of land.

Second: I give to my daughter Fanny Lawrence, the tract of land called the Parker field tract containing one hundred & eighty six acres more or less, with also fifteen acres more to be cut off from my house tract, for the benefit of rail timbers &c. also one feather bed and furniture to her and to her heirs forever.

Third: I give to my daughter Gattia Lawrence, the Shivers tract of land said to contain five hundred & thirty six acres more or less, also one hundred acres more or less, lying on the S. east & N. East of said tract and adjoining to the tract of land sold to Hosea Hays, and to the old Parker line, also one bed and furniture.

Fourth: I leave to my beloved wife Mary, all the residue of my lands with the appurtenances thereto belonging wherein I now live, for and during her natural life or widowhood upon condition that she raise, educate and support my three children, Martha Sarah, Selian Colea, and Hugh John free of charge until they severally arrive at lawful age, but in the event of her death or marriage then the said lands to be equally among my said three children and my wife, she drawing a child's part in her lifetime and in the event of the death of either of the said

Parker line; also one bed and furniture.

Fourth: I loan to my beloved wife Mary, all the residue of my lands with the appurtenances thereto belonging, whereon I now live, for and during her natural life or widowhood upon condition that she raise, educate and support my three children, Martha Sarah, Selian Colea, and Hugh John free of charge until they severally arrive at lawful age, but in the event of her death or marriage then the said lands to be equally among my said three children and my wife, she drawing a child's part in fee simple, and in the event of the death of either of the said children or my wife, then the survivors or survivor to inherit that portion which would fall to the deceased; and in the event of the death of all three of said children, I give that portion which would fall to them to be equally divided among my four children by my first wife, namely Eliza R. Lawrence, Jonas W. Lawrence, Fannie & Guttera Lawrence, my wife to share alike with them in fee simple; I also loan all my negroes, male & female with the future increase of the females, except such as I have given away heretofore by deed of gift to my wife for and during her life or widowhood and at her death or marriage to be disposed of in the same manner and same way that my lands are disposed of.

Fifth: I give my wife a years provision for herself and all her family to be allotted and set apart by three discreet and competent persons to be selected for that purpose by my wife

and my Executor herein after named; I also give to my wife one bed and furniture her choice.

Sixth: I give to my son Jonas W. Lawrence five hundred dollars and to my two daughters Fannie and Latta two hundred and fifty dollars each. The three old negroes Bob, Jim & Peter to be provided for out of my estate and to be taken care of by some of my family if my wife refuses to take charge of them, or they prefer to live with any other persons. 7th. All the residue of my estate I give to be divided in the same manner and to the same persons as my land and negroes are disposed of.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my son William R. Lawrence the lawful executor of this my Last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged
to be the last will and testament of
Joseph J. Lawrence in the presence of
Wm. M. Jones
Stephen Henderson

Joseph J. Lawrence 

At a Quarterly Court held for Harrison County, the 14th day of March 1864.

This Last will and Testament of Joseph J. Lawrence, late of this County, deceased, was this day fully proved by the solemn affirmations of Wm. M. Jones and Stephen Henderson subscribing

At a Quarterly Court held for Nausemound County, the 14th day of March 1864.

This Last Will and Testament of Joseph G. Lawrence, late of this County, deceased, was this day fully proved by the solemn affirmations of Wm. M. Jones and Stephen Emerson subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

Test,

Peter B. Prentiss, Clerk

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In the Clerk's Office of Nausemound County Court, the 1st day of March 1866.

This duly authenticated copy of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph G. Lawrence, deceased, with the certificate thereon, was produced by William R. Lawrence to the Clerk of said Court, and on the application of said William R. Lawrence, is recorded anew: the book in which the same was originally recorded, having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's Office and records on the 7th day of February 1866.

Test,

Peter B. Prentiss, Clerk

Exam'd

James Nixon's Copy