

John Ames?
will

I, John Ames of the County of Nausemond and State of Virginia,
do make this my last will and testament in manner and form
following, to wit:

I leave unto my wife Mary Ann Ames, during her natural
life, the farm on which I now reside; bounded on the South by the
lands of Mrs. Charlotte Arthur and W. J. Arthur, West by Bennett's
Creek, North by Nausemond river, and East by Knott's Creek. I leave
unto my wife Mary Ann Ames, during her natural life, a small
tract of woodland, lying South of Mrs. C. Arthur's land, beginning at a
Poplar standing near the head of a ravine, and being near a line
between Mrs. C. Arthur, John Arthur and myself; and running about
a South course to a marked Holly; thence about an East course to a
marked Locust Post, the head of a cove; thence down the said cove, about
a North-North-west course, to Mrs. C. Arthur's line. I leave unto my wife
Mary Ann Ames, during her natural life, the following slaves, namely,
Robin, Charlotte, and Francis and her two children Ella and Mary.
I leave unto my wife Mary Ann Ames, so long as she shall remain
my widow, the following slaves, namely, Daniel, Wallace, George and
Polly. At the marriage or death of my wife Mary Ann Ames, I give
the said slaves Daniel, Wallace, George and Polly, in trust to my son
Benjamin F. Ames, to be held by him in trust, for the benefit of my
daughter Margaret Ann Ames, the interest or income from the
said slaves, to be used for her benefit, support and comfort. At the death
of my daughter Margaret Ann Ames, the said slaves are to go to my sons
John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames, and Richard B. Ames, and
my daughter Elizabeth Ames, in equal parts.

To my daughter Elizabeth Deans, during her natural life and to her children after her death. Provided that, my wife Mary Ann Ames is to hold the said slaves, Daniel, Wallace, George and Polly, until her death or marriage as herein before provided. And with the further provision and understanding, that my wife Mary Ann Ames, is to support my daughter Margaret Ann Ames until, the marriage or death of my wife Mary Ann Ames, I also give in trust to my son Benjamin F. Ames, three thousand dollars, to be held, by him in trust, for the benefit of my daughter Margaret Ann Ames, the interest on which said sum of three thousand dollars, after the death or marriage of my wife Mary Ann Ames, and before if necessary, is to be used for the support, benefit and comfort of my said daughter Margaret Ann Ames. At the death of my said daughter Margaret Ann Ames, the said sum of three thousand dollars, is to go to my sons John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames, and Richard B. Ames, and to my daughter Elizabeth Deans during her natural life, and her share to her children after her death. I give unto my wife Mary Ann Ames, one thousand dollars in money, and the following chattel property, namely; one bed, first choice, and furniture, one wardrobe, my easy chair, watch, silver plate, and one bureau. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Deans, one bed, second choice, and furniture. I give unto my son-in-law Joseph Deans, my small secretary and book-case. I loan unto my daughter Elizabeth Deans during her natural life, all the lands I own North of the road leading from Pig-point road Eastward, to the Norfolk County line. At the death of the said Elizabeth Deans I give the said lands, herein before loaned to the said Elizabeth Deans unto the children of the said Elizabeth Deans. I give unto my said

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daughter Elizabeth Deans, and her husband Joseph Deans, six
hundred dollars of the debt which the said Joseph Deans owes
me. I give unto my son John W. Ames the farm on which he
lately resided, situated on Bennett's Creek, including all the lands
on the said farm West and South of the following line: Beginning
at the centre of the road on the North side of the land belonging
to Patrick Arthur, and running down said road to a marked
Locust Post a few yards North-westerly of the said John W. Ames's
lane, thence a Westward course parallel with the said lane to
a marked Locust Post: Thence about a North course to a marked
Pine at the head of a cove: Thence down the centre of the said cove
until it strikes Mr. J. Arthur's line; I give unto my son Levi D.
Ames, the farm or tract of land which I purchased of John B.
Haynes and his wife, and Benjamin F. Carney and his wife, and
lying on the East side of Knott's Creek. I also give unto my son
Levi D. Ames my interest in the Swamp lands lying on the South
side of the road leading from Pig Point road Eastward to the
Norfolk County line, which I purchased of John B. Haynes, B. F.
Carney and Mr. J. Lawrence. I also give unto my son Levi D. Ames,
the tract of land in Mansuond County which I purchased of
William Norflut trustee of Jas. B. Norflut, and known as the
"White tract". I also give unto my son Levi D. Ames, all my
interest in three vacant lots in the City of Portsmouth owned now
jointly by myself and the said Levi D. Ames. I give unto my
son Benjamin F. Ames the farm on which he lately resided,

jointly by myself and the said Levi D. Ames, - I give unto my son Benjamin F. Ames the farm on which he lately resided, situated on Knott's Creek, including all the balance of the land I own in Knott's neck not herein before disposed of. I also give him one bed, fourth choice, and furniture. I give unto my son Richard B. Ames the farm or tract of land in Bennetts' Pasture which I purchased of W. J. Wright, bounded by Bennetts' Creek and the lands of Amos Warrington, R. B. Ames and others. I also give unto my son Richard B. Ames three hundred dollars out of the debt ^{which} he owes me. I give in trust to Levi D. Ames four thousand dollars for my grand daughter Mary Elizabeth Ames and Margaret Edward Ames, orphans of James Edward Ames deceased: the interest or as much thereof as needed, to be used for their support, and the principal, and what interest may be due, to be paid to them when they shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years. In case of the death of the said Mary Elizabeth Ames and Margaret Edward Ames before they shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years, and leaving no child, the said sum of four thousand dollars, and the interest that may be due, is to go to my sons John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames and Richard B. Ames; and to my daughter Elizabeth Adams during her natural life; and her share to her children after her death. What difference there may be in the value of the lands which I give unto my sons John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames and Richard B. Ames I wish them to settle between themselves.

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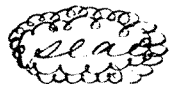
The property I loan to my wife Mary Ann Ames, excepting the slaves Daniel, Wallace, George and Polly, I wish at her death to be equally divided between my sons John W. Ames, Levi D.

Ames, Benj: F. Ames and Richard B. Ames; and my daughter Elizabeth Deans during her natural life, and her share to go - her children at her death - I give unto my daughter Margaret Ann Ames, one bed, third choice, and furniture, and one wardrobe. The balance of my estate after the payment of my just debts I give unto my sons John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames and Richard B. Ames; and to my daughter Elizabeth Deans during her natural life; her share to go to her children at her death.

I hereby appoint my sons John W. Ames, Levi D. Ames, Benjamin F. Ames and Richard B. Ames the Executors of this my last will and Testament. And I request that the Court of Nausemond County will not require security of them as my said Executors - In witness of this my last will and Testament, I hereunto affix my hand and seal this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Witness

James Hargroves
Wm. D. Wright

John Ames 

At a Quarterly Court held for Nausemond County, the 14th day of August 1865.

This writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Ames, late of this County, deceased, was this day produced in Court by John W. Ames, one of the Executors herein named, in order to be proved. Whereupon James Hargroves, one of the subscri-

being witnesses to the said writing, being sworn, having testified in
court, that the said John Ames acknowledged and published
the same in his presence as and for his last will and Testament,
that he subscribed his name as a witness hereto, in the presence
of the said testator and in the presence of William F. Wright, the
other subscribing witness hereto (all three being present together)
and that he saw the said William F. Wright, who is now dead,
subscribe his name hereto, also in the presence of the testator,
at his request, and having also testified that the said testator
was of sound mind and memory, as far as he knew or believed:
And John R. Kilby and Peter B. Pruitis, being sworn, severally
deposed in court, that they were well acquainted with the hand
writing of the said William F. Wright, having often seen him
write, and verily believe that his signature as a subscribing witness
to said will to be genuine and in his own proper handwriting:
Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true
last will and Testament of the said John Ames deceased. And on
the motion of the said John W. Ames, who made oath as the law
directs, (and having declared the value of the estate to be about
\$8000.) and entered into a bond in the penalty of Twenty-five
thousand dollars, conditioned according to law (but without security,
the will directing that none should be required of him, and which
said bond being acknowledged by the obligor therein is ordered to
be recorded) certificate is granted the said John W. Ames for
obtaining a probat of said will in due form (the Internal
Revenue Tax of \$4 having been paid) Sicut being returned to

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Sevi D. Ames and Richard B. Ames the other sons
in the said will named, to join in the said probate
they shall think fit. Teste, Peter B. Prentiss, Clerk

At a monthly court held for Nauset County, the 11th
day of September 1865.

On the motion of Sevi D. Ames and Richard B. Ames, two
of the Executors named in the last will and Testament
of John Ames deceased, who made oath as the law directs,
and entered into a bond in the penalty of twenty-five
thousand dollars, conditioned according to law (but without
security. The will directing that none should be required
of them, and which said bond being acknowledged by the
obligors therein is ordered to be recorded.) Certificate is
granted them to be joined in the probate of the said will.
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the Clerk's office of Nauset County Court, the 7th
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thousand dollars, conditioned according to law (but without security. The will directing that none should be required of them, and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein is ordered to be recorded.) Certificate is granted them to be joined in the probat of the said will.

Teste,

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk

(Attest)

Teste,

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk.

In the Clerk's office of Nauset County Court, the 7th day of April 1866.

This duly authenticated copy of the Last will and Testament of John Ames deceased, with the certificates thereon, was produced by John W. Ames, to the Clerk of said Court, and on the application of said John W. Ames 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.

Teste,

Peter B. Prentiss. Clerk.

Exam'd

Man. Prudent To Nauset County Court.