

Will of W. Lawrence

In the name of God, Amen, I, sir J. W. Lawrence, of the County of Nansemond, and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner & form as follows:-

First and principally, I resign my soul to the great and merciful God who made it, in hopes, through the merits alone of my blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to have a joyful resurrection to life eternal.

Secondly :- I give and bequeath unto my son J. E. Lawrence the sum of Five ~~hundred~~ dollars cash, and to my other four sons, viz: W. J. Lawrence, J. H. Lawrence, A. Roswell Lawrence and T. J. Lawrence the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each.

Third:- I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Sallie E. Holland, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars in cash.

Fourth:- I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter, Eva Lawrence Jones, all the lands and plantation on which I now reside at South Quay, Va., together with a certain piece or parcel situated, lying and being in the County of Gates and State of North Carolina, on the Chowan and Blackwater Rivers and better known as the ~~Wain-Dike~~ tract of land, which I purchased from George Cooker by deed dated the 29th day of May, 1908. This last tract of land I give in fee simple. The South Quay farm on which I reside is given during my beloved daughters Eva Lawrence Jones' life time, and after her death, I give the said lands and plantation to her children William J. Jones, Joseph Jack Jones, ~~James~~ ^{Sennie} Lee ~~James~~ ^{James} Jones, or any future children, share and share alike, in fee simple.

Fifth:- All the residue of my estate, both real and personal of whatever nature or kind, I give unto my beloved daughter Eva Lawrence Jones and to her heirs forever, except my Lib^{ry}, which I give to my beloved Grandson, William J. Jones.

Lastly:- I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter, Eva Lawrence Jones my lawful Executrix of this ~~my~~ my last Will and testament, with the request that the Court permit her to qualify as Executrix and not require her to give security, as I am willing to trust her with my estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Nine Hundred and fifteen.

J. W. Lawrence (Seal)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged to be the last will and testament of J. W. Lawrence in the presence of R. H. Cobb
Philip A. Jones

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Philip A. Jones

Willie H. Jones

Codicil:- The legacies to my beloved daughter Eva Lawrence Jones are given with the express understanding that she is to pay unto my sons J. E. Lawrence the sum of five dollars, W. J. Lawrence, A. Rechell Lawrence, J. H. Lawrence, T. J. Lawrence, Two Hundred Dollars each and my daughter Sallie E. Holland Six Hundred Dollars within the period of ten years.

Given under my hand & seal this 9th day of January, 1915.

J. W. Lawrence (Seal)

Witness: P. A. Jones, W. H. Jones.

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County the 17th day of November, 1915-

A paper writing dated the 9th day of January, 1915, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. W. Lawrence (late of this county) deceased, and another paper writing dated the same day, annexed thereto, purporting to be a Codicil to said Will and Testament, were this day produced before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County.

And thereupon the first mentioned writing dated the 9th day of January, 1915, was proved according to law by the oaths of R. H. Cobb and P. A. Jones, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the other writing, dated the same day, was proved by the oath of P. A. Jones, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Whereupon the said two writings, together constituting the last Will and Testament of J. W. Lawrence, deceased, are ordered to be recorded as the last Will and Testament of said J. W. Lawrence, deceased.

And on the motion of Eva Lawrence Jones, who is named in said Will and Testament as the Executrix of the estate of said J. W. Lawrence, deceased, who made oath according to law, but without security (the said Will and Testament requesting that none be required of her) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), with condition according to law, certificate is granted her, the said Eva Lawrence Jones for obtaining a probate of said last will and testament in due form.

And it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

Teste: G. E. Bunting, Clerk,

By Kate P. Bell, D. C.

W. H. Jones 31-1-15