

Will of
Luther Rawls

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Luther Rawls, of the County of Nansemond, State of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will by me at any time made,

FIRST: I direct that my body be decently buried in a manner corresponding to my estate and situation in life.

SECOND: I direct that my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be, and to that end charge my whole estate; real, personal and mixed with the same.

THIRD: I direct that a suitable fence be put around the grave-yard wherein my Father and Mother are buried.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath to my beloved Son, Dr. DAVID RAWLS, my gold headed cane.

FIFTH: All the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description, I give, bequeath and devise to my executors, hereinafter named, for and during the life of my devoted wife, Mary Elizabeth Rawls, but upon the trust, notwithstanding, that they shall and will out of the rents, issues and profits of my estate maintain, support and care for my said wife for and during her natural life, and if the rents, issues and profits of my said estate should become insufficient to

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to maintain, support and care for my said wife in a proper and suitable manner; then and in that event my said executors are hereby authorized and empowered to use or dispose of such portion of the corpus of my estate as they may deem sufficient, for the purpose of maintaining, supporting and carrying for my said wife as aforesaid.

SIXTH: I hereby authorize and empower my executors, herein after named, to sell the farm upon which I reside, at public auction or private sale, any time after my death when in their opinion they shall deem it expedient to do so, to carry out the purposes in the fifth clause of this, my will, or for the purpose of preserving my estate.

SEVENTH: After the death of my said wife, my estate then remaining I give, bequeath and devise to all my children, share and share alike, and should any of my said children be deceased at that time I give, bequeath and devise his or her portion to hi or her children, share and share alike.

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NINTH: I do appoint my Sons, Drs. J. E. Rawls and David L. Rawls, to be executors of this, my last will and testament, and I direct that they shall, neither of them, be required to give any security for the faithful execution thereof.

Witness my hand, which I have set to this, my will, made upon three sheets of paper, signing each sheet thereof, this 25 day of February, in the year of our Lord, 1915.

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Signed, published and declared by Luther Rawls, As and for his last will, in the presence of us, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of one another, have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

B. D. Jones.
W. F. Morgan.

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County the 14th day of June, 1915-
The last Will and Testament of Luther Rawls, (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 B. D. Jones and W. F. Morgan, the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

And on motion of J. E. Rawls and D. L. Rawls, who are named in the said Will and Testament as the Executors of the estate of the said Luther Rawls, deceased, who made oath according to law, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars, conditioned and payable according to law, but without security (the last Will and Testament requesting that none be required of them), certificate is granted them the said J. E. Rawls and D. L. Rawls, as Executors for obtaining a probate of said Will and Testament in due form.

And it is ordered that said bond be recorded.

Attest:

G. E. Bunting, Clerk.
By Kate P. Bell, D. C.