

In the Name of God Amen. Being in bodily health and of
sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the
uncertainties of this transitory life, I Benjamin M. Morris do
(for the purpose of avoiding Controversies after my death) make
and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament
in manner following; that is to say, first I Commend my
Soul to God who gave it, and my body, I Commit to the earth,
and as for and concerning all my worldly estate, Money, Land,
Instruments, goods, Chattels, and Estate whatsoever as shall be in
any- due or owing or belonging unto me, at the time of my decease,
I do give (after the payment of my just debts) give unto Mrs
Elizabeth H. Chandler one Third of the same, during her Natural
life, and at her death, I do wish it to be given to my three a-
dopted Children, Walter C. Morris, Emma B. Morris & Mary S.
Morris the youngest living Children of my brother Thomas S.
Morris deceased of the County of New Kent &c. lastly as to all the
rest and residue of my Estate and effects, as well real as personal
wheresoever situate and being, I do hereby give unto the same
Walter C. Morris Emma B. Morris and Mary S. Morris, and I do
hereby appoint John B. Vaiden to be Executor of this my last Will
and Testament, and I ~~trust~~ request the Court not to
require Surety of John B. Vaiden, should he be kind enough to
act in this behalf whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this
December the first Eighteen hundred and Ninety six -

Witness

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act in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this
December the first Eighteen hundred and Ninety six -

Witness
J. H. Barnes

Benjamin M. Morris 

In New Kent County Court January 8th 1885
The foregoing last will and testament of Benjamin M. Morris
as aforesaid, was this day put into Court, and there being no sub-
scribing Witnesses thereto, Geo. B. Vaiden and H. M. Ball were sworn
and severally deponee that they were well acquainted with the
testator's hand writing and truly believe the said writing and
that the same thereto, subscribed to be wholly written by the tes-

to his own hand. Whereupon, the said writing is ordered to
be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said

Benjamin M. Morris and

Teste

E. M. Lewis Clerk.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Maria Louisa
Jones, being of sound and disposing mind
do make this my last will and testament, as
follows: I direct that my body be decently buried,
in a manner corresponding to my estate in life,
but with as little expense as may be consistently
therewith. And as to such worldly estate as I
may be seized or possessed of, I dispose of the same
as follows:

1. I direct that all my just debts, if any, shall be
paid

2. I give, devise and bequeath one-half of my whole
property, real and personal, including choses in
action, as well as all other kinds of property, to
my sister Willie D. Jones.

3. The other half of my whole property, real and per-
sonal, including choses in action as well as