

Know all men by these presents that I Josiah Higgins of the County of New Kent and State of Virginia being aware of the uncertainty of life and of the certainty of death and yet retaining the strength and vigor of my mind desire to make a disposition of my earthly possessions or property before my decease. Item The first; I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Higgins the whole of my estate to be held and managed by her during her widowhood or life in the event that she should not marry again, but if she shall marry again it is my will and intention that she shall have the use of only one third part of my estate during her life; and out of the profits or proceeds of my estate my three single children Ann E. Higgins Jane B Higgins and Josiah Higgins are to be boarded and clothed provided they remain with their mother and are satisfied with a reasonable support such as the proceeds of my estate will justify. Item The second - At the death of my wife I give the plantation on which I now live to my son Josiah Higgins reserving at the same time a part of the Dwelling house as a home for my two single daughters Ann E. Higgins and Jane B Higgins to be held by them both jointly during their single or unmarried lives, but when either of them shall marry or die, the other shall hold possession of the part reserved and when both of them shall marry or die the right of possession in them shall end - Item The Third - At the death of my wife I give to the following four of my children each a bed and furniture namely - Ann E Higgins Robert J Higgins Jane B. Higgins and Josiah Higgins. Item The fourth, At the death of my wife it is my will and intention that all of my personal estate not previously disposed of including my tract of land called Otter

Higgins and Josiah Higgins. Item the fourth. At the death of my wife, it is my will and intention that all of my personal estate not previously disposed of including my tract of land called Otter, together with what may come to me from my Mother in law Mrs Elizabeth Martin shall be equally divided among my seven children namely. Ann B Higgins, Maria L Moore formerly Maria L. Higgins. Robert, J. Higgins, Delia A. Buckhout formerly Delia A Higgins Jane, B. Higgins, Josiah Higgins and Georgina W. Bailey formerly Georgina W Higgins. - Item the fifth. I leave my wife Elizabeth Higgins as my Administratrix to administer on my estate and manage it - without being required to give bond or security, should my Mother in law above named die before my wife. I wish her to receive and manage my part of said Mother in law's estate in the same way as I have left her to manage my own. Item the sixth - If my son Josiah Higgins shall live with his mother during her widowhood or life in consideration of the plantation which I have bequeathed to him at his mother's death, it is my will and intention that he receive no wages for his services as I think the plantation which I have specified and bequeathed to him will be amply sufficient to reward him for his services. Item the seventh - All of the property which I leave my daughters, I design for them and their children after them, and provided they die without children then the right to dispose of it, shall be in them. The above disposition of my property is my last Will and Testament concerning it.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of Sep-

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September 1845.

Josiah Higgins Real

signed sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of - Yourself

L. G. Waddell

W. A. Hewlett

Barnwell Watkins.

New Kent County

At a court held for said County the 12th day
of September 1850 The foregoing last will and Testament of
Josiah Higgins decd. was put into Court proved by the oaths
of L. G. Waddell and W. A. Hewlett two of the subscribing
- witnesses Thence and thence to be recorded

Teste

Jos. D. Christian and Ch. C. C. C.

A copy

Teste

Jos. D. Christian D.C.

Feb 18th 1863

New Kent County

At a Court held for said County 27th day of
January 1871

The foregoing certified copy of the last will and
Testament of Josiah Higgins decd. was this day put into

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Josiah Higgins decd: was put into court. proved by the oaths
of L. S. Waddell and by L. S. Hewlett two of the subscribing
witnesses Thence and same to be recorded

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Feb'y 18th 1863

New Kent County

At a Court held for said County 27th day of
January 1871

The foregoing certified copy of The last will and
Testament of Josiah Higgins decd: was this day put into
Court to be recorded and it appearing to the satisfaction
of the Court that the record of The said will made in
The County Court of this County on the 12th day of September
1850 has been destroyed by fire. It is ordered that the said
certified copy of The said will be recorded in this Court
in the stead of The said original will

A copy

Teste

C. M. Loring Clerk

The estate of Wm. A. Blanton decd: