

In the name of God, Amen, I Hutchings P. Price of the  
County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia being of sound mind and  
disposing memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all men  
once to die, and being desirous of disposing of such real and  
personal estate which it has pleased my Creator to bless me  
with in this life, do make, constitute and ordain the follow-  
ing <sup>form</sup> as and for my last will and Testament in manner  
and following, to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath my body to the dust and my soul  
into the hands of him who gave, with a request that my  
body may be buried in decent and Christian-like  
manner, commensurate with my estate and circumstances  
in life.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I devise and bequeath all my estate both real  
and personal of whatever nature, kind and description  
unto my beloved wife Frances J. Price to have and to

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that if my beloved wife shall be delivered of a child during my life or within a reasonable time after my death, that my wife's estate both real and personal shall be equally divided and one half of the same set apart for the support, maintenance and education of said child, and I hereby devise and bequeath unto him or her as the case may be one half my real and personal estate, when he or she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry, the other half of my estate as aforesaid to be held by my beloved wife upon the same terms and conditions mentioned in Item 1<sup>st</sup> of this will, but should a child be born as aforesaid and die before he or she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry then in that event, it is my will and desire that the one half of my estate above be-





bequeathed and devised to him or her as the case may be shall return and fall back into my estate and be held and enjoyed by my beloved wife as though there had been no such issue of our marriage, in the event she is then living.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that in the event of the birth of a child during my life or within a reasonable time thereafter, if said child shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or marry, that he or she shall on the death of my beloved wife have all my estate both real and personal, and upon the happening of this contingency, I hereby devise and bequeath the same unto him or her and his or her heirs &c forever.

Item the 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that in the event there is no issue of the marriage born during the term of my life or within a reasonable time after my death, or in the event of the birth of a

child, if it shall die before the attaining of twenty one years  
of age or marriage, <sup>that</sup> on the death of my beloved wife  
all my slaves with the future increase of the females  
born after the date of this will be free, and upon the  
happening of said contingencies, I hereby bequeath to  
them and each of them with the future increase of the  
female slaves born after the date of this will, their  
freedom from slavery, and for the purpose more effect-  
ually of carrying out my wishes and intentions in this  
respect, upon the happening of the contingencies above  
mentioned, I devise and bequeath unto my friend Rich-  
ard W. Dyles all my estate both real and personal  
which may be on hand at the time of the death of my  
beloved wife (except my slaves) in trust to be sold by  
him and out of the proceeds arising from said sale  
take my said slaves to some non-slave holding State  
and purchase for them land and such personal prop-  
erty as may be necessary to start them in life, first



deducting from the purchase money of my land and personal property such sums as he may have expended in removing them from Virginia as also what he may deem a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble in attending to the same,

And in the event of the marriage of my said wife, if there is no issue of our marriage living at the time, then in that event I bequeath to my slaves as aforesaid their freedom and hereby request and authorize my friend Richard W. Dyles as soon as it can be done to see my hand and other personal estate then slaves and apply the proceeds arising from said sale as directed in a former part of this clause of my will.

~~Item 6~~ It is my will and desire that in the event of the birth of a child by my present marriage or within a reasonable time thereafter, that

in the event of the death of such child before he or she  
shall arrive at the age of twenty one years or marry  
and the marriage of my beloved wife all my slaves  
shall then be free and I hereby bequeath to them and  
the increase of the females born after the date of this  
will their freedom and devise and bequeath unto  
my friend Richard W. Lyles all my estate both  
real and personal (my said slaves excepted) to be  
sold and the proceeds applied as above directed,  
(for the benefit of my said slaves) in the 5<sup>th</sup> clause  
of this my will.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby devise and bequeath unto my  
beloved wife Frances J. Price all the estate both  
real and personal which she may acquire by  
will or otherwise from any person or persons  
whomsoever other than myself to be disposed of  
by her in any manner she may deem proper  
hereby relinquishing any claim which I may have  
et al done



or hereafter may acquire in and to the same,  
Item 7<sup>th</sup>, Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint  
my beloved wife Francis J. Price my sole executrix  
to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking  
and annulling all former wills and codicils by me  
in any manner and at any time heretofore made  
and I hereby request most earnestly that my <sup>said</sup> ex-  
ecutrix shall not be required to give security up-  
on her qualifying as executrix of my estate as  
the same is more than ample to pay all my debts  
and liabilities. In Testimony whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and affixed my seal this  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November in the year of our  
Lord 1850.  
Signed sealed and ac-  
knowledge in the presence.

Hutchings B. Price

Thos. M. Dyer  
Dexter W. Smith  
Saml. L. Jones  
John B. Price

At a circuit court continued and held for the County of  
 Pittsylvania the 22<sup>d</sup> day of November 1851. This last  
 will and Testament of Hutchings B. Price dec<sup>d</sup> was pre-  
 sented in court and proven by the oaths of Septon W.  
 Smith and Saml. C. Jones two subscribing witnesses to be  
 the act and of the Testator and ordered to be recorded.

And at another day, to-wit: At the same term of  
 the said court continued and held for the <sup>said</sup> County on  
 the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the month and year aforesaid, on  
 the motion of Fannie B. Price the Executrix in the  
 will named who made oath and entered into and ac-  
 knowledged a bond in the penalty of ten thousand  
 dollars conditioned according to law certificate  
 was granted her for obtaining probate of said  
 will in due form. No security being required  
 under the said will.

Teste - Wm. H. Lunstall CLK