

Memphis In the name of God, Amen, I Henry Memfisen of the  
County of Rappahannock, a state of Virginia, being  
weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory

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and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, &  
being desirous of disposing of all the worldly estate that  
it has pleased God to bestow on me with; do hereby make my  
last will and testament in manner and form following  
that is to say

1st My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses  
be first paid

2nd I give to my executors hereinafter made and appointed  
the sum of four hundred dollars in trust for the sole  
use of my daughter Elizabeth Chapman to be adminis-  
tered to her during her natural life according to her  
necessities at the discretion of my executors and if at her  
death any part of the aforesaid sum shall be unexpended  
then it is my will that my executors shall divide the  
same equally among my children hereinafter named.

3rd I give to my son Samuel Memfise a certain portion  
of the farm upon which I reside which portion is bound-  
ed as follows beginning at a chestnut oak corner to  
Henry Memfise jr thence to a stone fence corner with  
same to the upper end, a large flat rock and corner  
thence in west course to a white oak corner to South

to me in the uncertainty of human life  
being desirous of disposing of all the more by estate that  
it has pleased God to bless me with, do hereby make my  
last will and testament in manner and form following  
that is to say

Let my will be that all my just debts and funeral expenses  
be first paid

And I give to my executors hereinafter made and appoint-  
ed the sum of four hundred dollars in trust for the sole  
use of my daughter Elizabeth Chapman to be adminis-  
tered to her during her natural life according to her  
necessities at the discretion of my executors and if at her  
death any part of the aforesaid sum shall be unexpended  
then it is my will that my executors shall divide the  
same equally among my children hereinafter named  
And I give to my son Samuel Menefee a certain portion  
of the farm upon which I reside which portion is bound  
as follows beginning at a chestnut oak corner to  
Henry Menefee Jr thence to a stone fence and with  
same to the upper end, a large flat rock and locust  
thence a west course to a white oak corner to South  
bin and Thomas B. Dargers, thence an east course to a

met on the corner to Joseph Thine. N. 11th & 12th streets  
the property was sold to him on the bank of the river  
thence to a wharf at a distance of 1/2 mile to the town  
conveyed to me by Mary Baker Thine to a paper corner to  
Henry Menefee Jr and with his line to the beginning the  
came to his heirs forever. It is however here necessary to  
remark that I have understood that he my son Samuel  
Menefee has signified that after my death he should  
bring a charge against my estate for services rendered  
upon my farm should he do so I can here only say that  
I do not consider myself indebted to him for such ser-  
vice having more than remunerated him for the same and  
the event of his bringing such charge my executors  
that my executors hereinafter named will upon such  
terms as in their judgment may seem best the above  
named parcel of land hereby intended to be conveyed to  
him and divide the proceeds thereof among my children hereinafter named  
It is my desire that all the real of my Estate both real & personal  
shall be sold at public auction by my executors & the proceeds thereof  
divided into nine equal parts, one part I amot & desire shall  
be paid to my daughter Hannah Bonheur, one part to the heirs of  
my daughter Melamed Yancy, one part to the heirs of my  
daughter Polly Oall one part to my daughter Frances Pantlow  
one part to Henry Menefee Jr one part to John Menefee one  
part to William Menefee one part to James Villone and the

and to William Menefee one part to be paid to him for and to  
his heirs and assigns. I give and bequeath to my executor  
in trust to pay to Jonas Menefee for his interest the sum of  
\$1000 during his natural life free from the control or debts  
and at his the said Jonas Menefee's death to be equally  
divided between his two children Philadelphia Stetson  
and Philamon W. Menefee and I do further authorize my  
executors to pay to J. W. Menefee the purchase money  
of two tracts or parcels of land purchased by him at  
the sale of my said son Jonas Menefee's property; and  
take a conveyance from him, for the same to themselves  
in trust for the use of the said Jonas Menefee during his  
natural life free from his debts, and after his death to  
convey the same to the two children of Jonas Menefee above  
named, charging the amount so paid as a part of the  
provisions made for him the said Jonas Menefee in  
this my last will and testament.

It is my wish and desire that my executors shall make  
any of my children above named against whom there may  
be found any bonds payable from them to me in my papers  
account for the same as a part of their distributable  
share of my estate and also any bond that I may have  
paid for them and which may be found in my possession.  
It is also my desire that my executors shall make my son  
Garrett Menefee account as a part of his distributable

William M. Menefer which amount at his  
death was transferred to the estate of his son  
for his purchase as part of payment to the bond being in  
his possession and for the sum of fifty dollars and  
to John Danner at the request of my son Garrett Menefer  
and also for the sum of four hundred dollars of flour  
a part of the proceeds of one hundred barrels of flour  
sold as to Danner by him and prepared to his own use.  
And lastly I have hereby constituted Henry L. Menefer and  
Henry Menefer Jr. my executors and my friends  
my friends Andrew R. Butler are also of this my last  
will and testament. Hereby making all other or former  
wills or testaments heretofore made void and of no  
effect. This second day of February the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four  
Early Cortis  
Garrett Menefer  
John H. Stultons  
In Rappahannock County

Henry Menefer

This last will and testament of Henry Menefer  
deceased, was this day presented to the County Court  
of Early Cortis Garrett Menefer and John  
being witnesses thereto and

In Rappahannock County Court 11 day of March 1844

On the last will and testament of Henry Menefee deceased, on this day presented to the Court, proceeed by the oath of Early Corbin Garrett Galt and John St. Martin to subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be received. And in the motion of Henry Menefee and Henry L. Menefee two of the Executors therein named, or who made oath thereto, and together with Willis Browning and Thomas St. Martin their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$15000 conditioned as the Law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form; liberty being reserved to the other Executor named in the said will to join in the probat when he shall think fit. And on the motion of Ananias R. Barber the other Executor named in the will of Henry Menefee deceased, who took the oath of an Executor and together with Elias Trustee and William Menefee his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$15000 conditioned as the Law directs, certificate is granted him to be joined in the probat of the said will.

Teste W. Fillenfeldt