

Know all men by these presented . That I James M. O'Bannon
of the County of Rappahannock and State of Virginia,
being of sound mind and disposing memory, do this day
January the fourteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty three make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner
form following, Viz;

First: It is my will and desire, that after my decease, all
my estate personal and real shall be sold by my executor hereon
after, to be named, and after the payment of all my just debts
and funeral expenses from the proceeds of said sale, the residue
to be equally divided between my wife and and children,
It is my will and desire that my negroes should not be included
in the property above named.

Second: It is further my will and desire that all my negroes
shall be equally divided between my wife and children.

Third: It is my will and desire that the property above
allotted to my wife shall be enjoyed by her during her natural
life, and after her decease, to be equally divided between
my children or their heirs, and in the event of either of my
children dying without issue, the property to pass to the sur-
viving child.

Fourth: I hereby appoint Benjamin Hilliard sole executor
of this my last will and testament, and request the
Court not to require him to give security. And I

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In Rappahannock County Court, at the ...

The last will and testament of James W. Clarke deceased, ... day exhibited to the Court ... of the ... motion of Benjamin ... the ... as the law directs, without being required to give security, the testator in his said will directing that his said Executor should not be required to give security; and the Court seeing all the circumstances of the case now before them, thinking that she should not be so required; Therefore Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test W. J. Monahan, Clerk.

In Rappahannock County Court, January Term (10) 1853,
It is ordered, that James Clarke, Reuben White, Joel Bond,
Jno. Rivercomb, and Bluford Thornhill, or any three, or more of whom
being first duly sworn for that purpose, appraise the personal estate
of Lewis Jenkins deceased, and return the appraisement to the
Clerk of this Court in his office.

Copy Test W. J. Monahan, Clerk.