

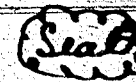
Margaret  
Whitehead  
Wills.

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I Margaret Whitehead, of the city of Washington, D.C. do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit:

1st. I desire that whatever of perishable property I may have be immediately sold after my decease, and after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, the balance, if any, together with whatever of money or debts, that may be due me, (after my said debts and expenses are paid off) be equally divided amongst the following persons, the children of Robert Dearing deceased, whom I adopt as my children, viz; John L. Dearing, Elizabeth L. Dearing, now Elizabeth L. Price, George J. Dearing and William L. Dearing.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Middleton Miller, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, (1847.)

Margaret  Whitehead   
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Signed, sealed, published and declared by Margaret Whitehead as and for her last will and testament, in the presence and hearing of us, who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

John S. Hughes  
John L. Hughes

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John S. Hughes  
Jos. Nicklin

In Rappahannock County Court, 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1854.

This Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Whitehead deceased, was this day produced to the Court, proved by the oath of John S. Hughes, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Joseph Nicklin the other subscribing witness being dead, his signature to the said writing was proved by the said John S. Hughes and Robert M. Heterick; thereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Margaret Whitehead deceased; and on the motion of Middleton Miller, the executor therein named, who made oath thereto and together with John S. Hughes, his security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$250.00 conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Just.

M. J. Menefer