

Benjamin Houghton make my last will and testament as follows,
to wit:

Item 1st. It is my will and desire, that after my death, that the operations on my farm be conducted as usual, until the crops of small grain are harvested and then so soon thereafter as my Executor thinks proper (say sometime in September) that my Executor hereinafter named sell so much of my property as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts.

Item 2nd. After the payment of all my debts, I will and bequeath all my property both real and personal, to my wife Harriet, to be used by her for the use of her and her children, until the youngest surviving child shall attain the age of fifteen (15) years. And when the youngest surviving child shall have attained the age of fifteen (15) years, it is my will and desire that my Wife shall take one third of all my property during her natural life, and that the residue of my estate, both real and personal be equally divided among my children, and at the death of my wife it is my will and desire, that all the property real and personal bequeathed to her, be sold and equally divided among my children.

Item 3rd. If my wife should die before the youngest surviving child arrives at the age of fifteen years, it is my will and desire that all my property both real and personal be sold and equally divided among my children.

Item 4th. It is my will and intention in the foregoing bequests to my wife to give her the power at any time, to dispose of such of the personal estate, as she may deem necessary for the support and maintenance of her and her children.

Item 5th. I do constitute and appoint my wife Harriet Houghton Executor of this my last will and testament.

both real and personal to my wife Marietta, to be used for her children until the youngest surviving child shall attain the age of 15 years. And when the youngest surviving child shall have attained the age of fifteen (15) years, it is my will and desire that my wife shall take one third of all my property during her natural life, and that the residue of my estate, both real and personal be equally divided among my children, and as the death of my wife it is my will and desire that all the property, real and personal bequeathed to her, be sold and equally divided among my children.

Item 3rd If my wife should die before the youngest surviving child arrives as the age of fifteen years it is my will and desire that all my property, both real and personal be sold and equally divided among my children.

Item 4th It is my will and intention in the foregoing bequests to my wife to give her the power at any time to dispose of such of the personal estate as she may deem necessary for the support and maintenance of her and her children.

Item 5th I do constitute and appoint my wife Marietta Houghton Executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former will heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the 12th day of November of said year.

Benjamin Houghton

Witness my hand and seal in presence of us and others

James Houghton
James Houghton

The interlineations in the foregoing writing on first page in which the words "twenty one" are altered to fifteen, were made before I signed the above writing and at my request.

Test

William Cannon

Thomas McFarling

Benjamin Houghton

See page 152. In the County Court of Rappahannock County 10th day of January 1859.

This last will and testament of Benjamin Houghton deceased was this day produced to the Court and partly proved by the oath of Thomas McFarling, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified. And in the County Court of the said County, on the 14th day of February, 1859. This last will and testament of Benjamin Houghton deceased, which was partly proved in this Court at January term last, was this day again produced to the Court, and fully proved by the oath of William Cannon the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste,

J. P. Peyton C. C.

Joseph. In the name of God, Amen. I, Joseph