

John Amis of the name of God, amen, I, John Amis of the County of  
Will. ch. Rappahannock and State of Virginia, being weak in body,  
but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty  
God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and  
testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lavina  
Amis the sum of two hundred dollars, the slaves Horace,  
Reuben, Oscar, Cassarann and Sarah Ann, the tract of land  
in which I reside containing about one hundred acres, also the two  
lots of woodland, one of about thirty one and  $\frac{1}{4}$  acres and the other  
20 acres, adjoining the lands of Dr. P. B. Bowen, Jas. Amis and  
others, also two McCormick's ploughs, 2 Shovel Dr., 2 Siderwipers,  
one large two horse harrow, 2 scythes and cradles, 2 mowing scythes,  
2 grubbing hoes, my best wagon, spreaders and singletrees, three  
horses to be chosen by herself, as many cattle, sheep and hogs  
as she thinks necessary for her own use, also all of the  
kitchen furniture and whatsoever of household furniture she may  
want, as much corn, hay, fodder, bacon and garden vegetables  
&c as she thinks will serve her one year after my decease,  
my blacksmith tools &c to have and to hold the above devised  
and bequests for her own use and benefit during her natural life.

Secondly; I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth  
L. Amis, widow of my son John L. Amis deceased one hundred  
dollars to be paid her out of my estate by my executors hereafter  
appointed; I also give and bequeath to my two grand daughters  
Mary Jane Leavell and Catherine D. Amis daughters of said John L.

my Blacksmith tools &c to have and to hold the above described  
bequests for her own use and benefit during her natural life.  
Secondly; I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth  
C. Amis, widow of my son John L. Amis deceased one hundred  
dollars to be paid her out of my estate by my executors hereafter  
appointed; I also give and bequeath to my two grand daughters  
Mary Jane Leavell and Catharine D. Amis daughters of said John L.  
Amis deceased my watch forever.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Item; After all of my just debts, funeral and burial  
expenses &c be paid, I will and order that the residue of my  
estate both real and personal be divided equally in four parts  
as follows, viz:  
1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to the heirs or children of my  
eldest son Elijah Amis deceased, viz; Sarah W. Menifee, Levina  
H. Aloop, Louisa Leavell, William H. Amis, John B. Amis,  
Thomas Amis, Anna Letitia Amis, Joseph Amis, Edmund Amis,  
Elijah Amis and Fanny Amis one fourth part both real and  
personal of the residue of my estate mentioned above in the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Item provided there is no charge brought against my estate  
by the heirs or legal representatives of my said son Elijah Amis  
but if any, it is my wish and will that the same should  
be deducted therefrom and further that the said amount  
subject to a decision in four equal parts as the same  
may require.  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth C. Amis

one fourth part of my estate, including twelve hundred and 80 dollars advanced him some time past, and which is to be considered as a part of the residue of my estate named in the 3<sup>rd</sup> item.

6<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Scott, one fourth part of my estate, including six hundred dollars which I charge her for a negro woman Malinda and is to be considered as a part of the residue mentioned in the 3<sup>rd</sup> item above.

7<sup>th</sup>. I also give and bequeath to my two grand daughters Mary Jane Seavell and Catharine D. Amis daughters of my said son John L. Amis deceased, one fourth part or the balance of said residue named in the 3<sup>rd</sup> above, equally to be divided between them.

8<sup>th</sup>. It is my further wish and will that all of my real estate not given to my beloved wife, be sold by my executors in order that the proceeds thereof may be divided as above directed as a part of said residue to the said legatees, also immediately after the death of my said beloved wife, the dower or legacy bequeathed her, both real and personal be sold by my executors and the proceeds divided as above equally in four parts, first to the heirs of my said son E. Amis deceased, one fourth part, and to my son Joseph Amis one fourth part, and one fourth part to my daughter Polly Scott, and also the other fourth part to my two grand daughters Mary J. Seavell and Catharine D. Amis daughters of said son John L. Amis.

beloved wife, the dower or legacy bequeathed her, both real and personal, be sold by my executors and the proceeds divided as above equally in four parts, first to the heirs of my said son E. Amis deceased one fourth part, and to my son Joseph Amis one fourth part, and one fourth part to my daughter Polly Scott and also the other fourth part to my two grand daughters Mary J. Leavell and Catharine J. Amis daughters of said son Jno. L. Amis deceased.

Lastly, I hereby make and appoint John Scott, my son-in-law and James Colbert, sole executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 18 hundred and fifty four.

John Amis



Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named John Amis to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Solomon Baker  
James Colbert  
John M. Ornel