

At Reaske County Court, February Term 1869.

The last Will and Testament of John Rock deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the solemn affirmation of Isaac Hensburger one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Joel Brubaker and Henry Riffy the other attesting witnesses being beyond the limits of the Commonwealth, John Brubaker solemnly affirmed and depose that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said witnesses and that he believed the said signatures to be the true signatures of the said Joel Brubaker and Henry Riffy. Whereupon the said Will is ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste Wm McCauley Clerk.

Charles Thomas. I Charles Thomas of the county of Reaske and State of Virginia being sound in mind and good bodily health but well stricken in years and being desirous of making a distribution of my Property do make this my last Will and Testament.

I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth Thomas all my Lands during her life with all the profits and proceeds as much as she desires but if she does not wish it or need it then it shall go to my two sons Benjamin F. Thomas and George W. Thomas. I also will to my wife Elizabeth Thomas three Negroes namely one man William and two women Abiger and Eliza to hold during her life, and all the household furniture to be distributed amongst the children as she may think proper. I also will that she shall have two good Horses with necessary feeding and necessary Farming Tools as she may select also two good mitch cows and as many Hogs as she may need.

I will to my son Josiah W. Thomas Three Hundred & Thirty five dollars.

To my son James B. Thomas One Hundred & Forty Eight Dollars.

To my son William Thomas Three Hundred & five dollars.

To my son John B. Thomas Five Hundred & Two dollars.

To my son Charles M. Thomas One Hundred dollars.

To my son Elias D. Thomas Three Hundred & five dollars.

To my son Samuel W. Thomas Seven Hundred & forty five dollars.

To each & all in money or property at its cash valuation, to make them equal with my eldest son David G. Thomas.

All the remainder of my Property not otherwise provided for shall be equally divided between my eight eldest sons namely David G. Josiah W. James B. William, John B. Charles M. Elias D. and Samuel W. Thomas, except Five Hundred dollars that my son James B. Thomas owes my son Samuel W. Thomas if the said James B. Thomas fails to pay to the said Samuel W. Thomas the aforesaid Bond of Five Hundred dollars then Samuel W. Thomas shall receive so much of the said James B. Thomas interest as shall pay the Five Hundred dollar Bond.

I will to my two youngest sons Benjamin F. and George W. Thomas all my Lands at their mother's death or Relinquishment. I also will to my

son Benjamin F. Thomas one Negro Girl named Lucy, and to my son George W. Thomas one Negro Girl, Harriet. I also will that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Thomas that the Three Negroes willed to her with their issue if any shall be equally divided between my eight eldest sons namely David G. Josiah W. James B. William, John B. Charles M. Elias D. and Samuel W. Thomas.

I appoint my son David G. Thomas as my Administrator without giving security.

Witness my hand & seal this 9th May 1868.

Witness

A. J. Dugels

Thos H. Barnes

James R. Taylor.

Charles Thomas (Seal)

Reaske County, to wit.

Codicil.

This Supplement made & subscribed to this 26th day of March 1869, The Property & Bequest in the foregoing Will to make up the several amounts mentioned to make my children equal having consisted in negro slaves which have since been set free the amounts cannot now be paid. I now confirm & will to my two sons Benjamin F. & George W. Thomas all my remaining Lands as originally intended without any liability to pay over any amount whatever to any of my other children.

I also will them the said Benjamin F. & George W. all my personal property on the place. It will not now be necessary to have an administration but if necessary my two sons Benjamin F. & George W. shall administer without security.

Witness my hand & seal this day & date as above written.

Teste

A. J. Dugels

James Stewart

James R. Taylor.

Charles Thomas (Seal)

At Reaske County Court, June Term 1869.

The last Will and Testament of Charles Thomas deceased was this day produced in Court, together with a certified true and correct copy of the said Will was proved according to law by the oaths of A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Thomas H. Barnes the other subscribing witness, being dead, the said A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor depose that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said witness and that they believed the said signature to be the true signature of the said Thomas H. Barnes.

And the said Codicil was proved according to law by the oaths of the said A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the said Will and Codicil thereto annexed is ordered to be recorded, the said Will having affixed thereto duly cancelled United States Internal Revenue stamps of the value of Three Dollars & fifty cents.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste Isaac L. Hunt Clerk