

James T Holmes

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I James T Holmes, being of sound mind and discretion, and being conscious that all men must die, and sensible of the right that the Laws of my Country gives to every Citizen viz to dispose as he wishes of all his property do this day make and publish this my last will and Testament

1st I wish all my relatives well and hope they may prosper in this world and at last be prepared for immortal bliss

2^d I commend my Soul to him who gave it.

3^d I wish all my property at my death to go to my beloved mother Mary Holmes for her to have and hold during her natural life; but at her death I wish it to be equally divided between my surviving Brothers, To make this third clause unmistakable it is my intention to give to my two Brothers a fee simple title to all my Estate after my Mother's life shall have expired, I mean my two Brothers now living John Holmes and William Holmes, but if either of them shall die before my Mother Mary Holmes, then for it all to go to the one then living at her death this thirtieth day of October One thousand eight hundred and sixty two, and in the year of our Lord

Believe me In Words near Sumner Point State of Virginia

Witnessed by
John T. Yerkes

Marshall H. Blount

A friend of Frederick

James T Holmes (S.S.)

Jordan W Holmes

Georgia Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Jordan Holmes of the County and State aforesaid, being about to depart to the service of my Country from whence I may never return, do make and Ordain the following to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

Item first My will is that all my just debts be paid out of my property that is not herein bequeathed to my Mother.

Item second - I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother Mary Holmes one negro boy by the name of Wright about ten years old, to her and her heirs and assigns forever,

Item third I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah Jane Holmes all the rest of my property both real and personal, after the payment of my just debts, to her and her heirs and assigns forever in fee simple.

Item lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my uncle Thomas Wood Executor to this my last will and Testament, ratifying and confirming the same by these presents.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of May 1862

J. W. Holmes (S.S.)

Signed sealed acknowledged by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who have subscribed our names in his presence and the presence of each other this 12th day of May 1862

John Wood Thomas Wood, J. T. Holmes