

Halcott Briggs Fides Will

I Halcott B. Fides do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament as to all the property both real and personal of which I am possessed.

It is my will that my executor hereafter named pay all my debts out of the crop of the present year, and if this fund should prove deficient it is my wish that they should be paid as soon as may be out of the succeeding crops.

Firstly I give and bequeath to Allen Jones, Mollie Jones and James Bradley and to their heirs forever the lands and plantation whereon I now live in the County of Northampton in the State of North Carolina known by the name of Mont-cailleaux, the island in Ronsake river known by the name of Long island the following slaves to wit Ben his Daughter Sillah, Sam, Paul Louis and his wife Mary, their two children Kitty and Cybora, Fanny and Judy, all the stock of Hogs, Sheep and Cattle, implements of husbandry household and kitchen furniture which are on the said plantation of Mont-cailleaux, and give I give to be chosen from my whole stock by Mary the wife of Cadwallader Jones, all which I give to the said Allen Jones Mollie Jones and James Bradley and to their heirs forever. But upon this especial trust and confidence that they the said Allen Jones Mollie Jones and James Bradley and their heirs ~~will~~ will receive the rents issues and profits of the above mentioned property and pay the same to the said Mary during her life, to the sole separate and exclusive use and benefit of the said Mary without the interference or control of her said husband in any manner whatever: and upon this further trust and confidence that they the said Allen Jones Mollie Jones and James Bradley and their heirs will receive the rents issues and profits of the above mentioned property which may accrue after the death of the said Mary and pay the same to her Son Halcott Fides and his heirs forever.

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Truly I give and bequeath to the same Mollie Jones Allen Jones and James Bradley and their heirs forever all my lands in the County of Halifax North Carolina, but upon this especial trust and confidence that they will receive the rents issues and profits thereof and pay the same to Frederick Lafayette son of the said Mary when he shall have attained full age, and to his heirs forever.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to the same Trustees and their heirs forever all my lands in Northampton County except as before devised all my lands in Chatham and all my Western Lands, but upon this trust and confidence that they will receive the rents issues and profits thereof and pay the same to the before named Halcott Fides son of Mary when he shall have attained full age and to his heirs forever. From this devise I except the land on which the above mentioned James Bradley now lives and has lived for some years, and which I give to the said James Bradley during his life with power to dispose of the inheritance thereof in case he should die leaving children. If he dies without children, my will is that the said land thus devised to the said Bradley, should be the property of the said Halcott Fides and his heirs forever.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to the same Trustees and their heirs forever two Negro women to wit Sillah and Peth in trust that they will hold the same and their increase to the sole separate and exclusive use and benefit of the said Mary is as not to be subject in any degree to the control of the said Cadwallader during the life of the said Mary, and to the said two Negro women, it is my will that my executor pay sixteen dollars per annum in quarterly payments to each of them during their lives.

Sixthly It is my will that all the Negroes not herein specifically devised shall be kept on Shush Island in Halifax water

Frederick

Frederick Lafayette comes of age in order to raise money to educate the said Mary's children and if there shall be a surplus after completing this purpose deducting the plantation expenses and paying the money Legacies hereby given, my will is that my executor pay the same to the said Mary to her separate use And I further direct that when the said Frederick Lafayette shall come of age that then these Legacies be equally divided between his brother Halcut Priddy and himself to whom & to their heirs forever I give the said Legacies.

Seventhly It is my wish in case the said Mary should die before the said Halcut Priddy is of age that the property left to him by the second clause of this my will, after her mother the said Mary's death should be retained by the said trustees and their heirs and the profits thereof laid out in the most advantageous manner, and paid to the said Halcut Priddy when of full age.

Eighthly It is to be understood that I make the above devises and bequests to the said Halcut Priddy and Frederick Lafayette, upon this express condition that they severally assume after they attain full age the surname of, Priddy.

Ninthly It is my will and desire that Alexander Strachan son of the late Lucy Strachan should have all my lands in a near Petersburg in Virginia, and I do hereby give the same to him and his heirs forever but if the said Alexander should depart this life without leaving a child or children living at the time of his death I give the said lands to the three sons of Mary Jones to wit Frederick Halcutt and Cadwallader to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them. But it is to be understood that the lands mentioned in this clause are given to the said Alexander Strachan upon this express condition that his father Alexander Glegg Strachan shall

shall convey by effectual and legal conveyance to the said Alexander Strachan within six months after the said Alexander Strachan shall have attained full age, all the shares with their incomes which he the said Alexander Glegg Strachan received or acquired in consequence of his intermarriage with the said Lucy to him the said Alexander Strachan and his heirs forever, free from all incumbrances or contract, and in case this condition shall not be complied with within or by the expiration of the time of six months above mentioned then the devise of the said lands to the said Frederick Halcutt, and Cadwallader is to stand good and effectual forever.

Lastly I do appoint the said Allen Jones, Willie Jones and James Bradley, executor of this my will, with a hope that they will exert themselves to carry my intentions into effect. — November 24th 1794

Witnesses
 Geo Hay
 Nathl. Eustis
 Van Leonard

Halcutt Priddy, Priddy Jacob

Northampton County Va.
 December Court 1795
 This Will of Halcutt P.

Priddy deceased was proved by the Oath of Van Leonard & Ordered to be Recorded

Witness
 a. Paynes, Clk.

Northampton County Va.
 March Court 1796

James Bradley came into Court and was duly qualified as Executor to the above Will of Halcutt P. Priddy deceased & Ordered to be Recorded

Witness
 a. Paynes Clk.

June Court 1796

The above Will of Halcutt P. Priddy was further proved by the Oath of Nathaniel Eustis, Ordered to be further Recorded.

Witness
 a. Paynes Clk.