

356 Petrick County State of Virginia

In the name of God amen I Absalom Seals of the County of Petrick and Commonwealth of Virginia being afflicted in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament revoking all wills and Testaments heretofore made by me.

1st My Executor shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my estate

2nd That my Executor shall sell all lands belonging to me on such terms as he deems most advantageous to the interest of my heirs

3rd That my daughter Nettie S. Seals shall have fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose of clothing, boarding and educating her

4th The remainder of my estate to be divided as follows viz
To my wife Nancy C. Seals one ninth part, To my daughter Sarah F. Seals one ninth part, To my daughter Martha A. Seals one ninth part, To my son Joseph A. Seals one ninth part, To my son James R. Seals one ninth part, To my daughter Fannie S. Seals one ninth part, To my son Nathaniel M. Seals one ninth part, To my son Noah one ninth part, To my daughter Nettie S. Seals one ninth part

5th That in case any of my heirs die previous to the division of my estate, their portions shall be equally divided among my surviving heirs

6th That my Executor shall hire out my negroes until he is prepared to make a final settlement of my estate

7th That I vest my Executor with full discretionary powers to transact all my business as he deems most advantageous to the interest of my family, Knowing that my business is in too complicated a condition for me to give him detailed instruction in my will which would apply to all cases

8th In conclusion I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend R. D. Ray as my Executor to this my last will and Testament. Inwitness I set my hand and affixed my seal June 29th 1859

Signed sealed and acknowledged A. Seals
in our presence
John A. Martin
Wm. B. Jay Sr

At a meeting of the County Court of Petrick held at the Court house thereof on the 29th day of November 1859
The last will and Testament of Absalom Seals dec'd was called

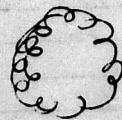
in Court, proved by the oaths of John A. Martin and William B. Jay Sr the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon R. D. Ray the Executor therein named appeared in Court entered into and acknowledged a bond in a penalty of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs with J. A. Martin, Geo. W. Martin, J. W. Hirston, J. R. Bunn and J. G. Bunn his securities and took the oath required

State of Virginia
County of Petrick

I Henry Juggler clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true copy of the last will and Testament of Absalom Seals dec'd and the order of Court admitting said Will to probate and permitting R. D. Ray to qualify as the Executor of said Will.

Given under my hand and seal of office
this 29th day of November 1859

Henry Juggler clk



December term 1859

A paper writing purporting to be a copy of the last will and Testament of Absalom Seals deceased, together with a certificate for probate in the Court of Common Pleas of Petrick County Virginia (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was produced in the Court and upon inspection adjudged to be duly authenticated according to law & ordered to be recorded

Wm. D. Hill. clk