

Elizabeth Aiken's will.

and desire that he shall serve my sd. grand daughter for the term of four years after my death.

It is my will and desire that my sd. negro slaves Eliza and Bell, after having performed the terms of service aforesaid, shall thereafter have their freedom without expatriation, if the laws of the State when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service aforesaid, shall permit their emancipation, or if this cannot be emancipated in accordance with the laws of the State, when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service, it is my will and desire that they be permitted to emigrate, either to a free State or to Liberia, as they, or either of them, may elect. But if they or either of them shall decline to accept of their freedom on the terms aforesaid, it is my will and desire that they, or either of them, so declining, be and remain slaves for life generally, as aforesaid, to the sd. Carolina B. Shackelford & Sarah A. C. Sumner their heirs and assigns. The increase of Eliza, if any, shall be for with her or remain in servitude as the case may be, provided that she the sd. Eliza shall pay by her additional services to the sd. Carolina B. Shackelford for any trouble and expense she may occasion in the rearing of any children she may have during or prior to her said four years term of service. Said additional services to be regulated according as shall be considered fit and reasonable by my Executor hereinafter named, who is hereby requested to see that the sd. negroes Eliza and Bell personally have the education herein before mentioned, and upon their declining to accept their freedom on the terms proposed by my said Executor, shall upon their delivery to my said grand daughters, or their husbands, heirs or agents or assigns, be discharged from all further responsibility respecting them.

It is further my will and bequest to my beloved sister Margaret Deadrick my Cherry Runaway with all its contents at the time of my death, and also my large looking glass.

It is further my will and bequest to my grand daughter Adelaide E. Sumner my bed and bed clothes.

It is hereby nominate and appoint my nephew John H. Deadrick the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of June in the year 1843.

Elizabeth Aiken Decd.

Witnessed -
J. H. Deadrick,
Adelaide E. Deadrick

The foregoing will was only proven in open court February Term 1845, by the oath of J. H. Deadrick, one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be recorded.

Mrs Sevier's will.

Memorandum. I am about my property disposed of after my death. November 18th 1843 (to wit) Elbert my son to have my clock. Elbridge to have desk and large glass. Elizabeth Sevier to have the large drawn. Minerva to have the two set tables. Mary to have the little galley leaf table and the two half rounds and the dining table if she will have them. Louisa to have the soup ladle her mother gave her. Mary E. Sevier to have one set of tea spoons. Rowena Sevier to have one set of tea spoons, the large spoons to be equal between Elsie Louisa and Mary two each. John to Sevier to have a bedstead, bed and furniture. Elsie Stuart the bedstead bed and furniture. Sarah Lewis Sevier bed and furniture. Ann Stuart to have the Bureau her grand mother gave it to her. The little bed with some furniture (if any) to go to Sarah Elsie for her children. Sarah Elsie to have the bed curtains. There is nothing in the house to be sold - it must be parcelled out by Elbert and Mr. J. H. Sevier and given to the girls. My house, cows, pigs and sheep and all my crop that may be in hand, and all my farming utensils of every kind, with all my stock or furniture to be sold and the money divided equally among all my children. Elbert and Ann E. Sevier will attend the selling of the property. I have few or no debts to settling. (I revoke the clause for the division of the money until three hundred dollars are paid Alexander M. Sevier which is all I intend them to see.) The balance of Mr. J. H. Sevier's note (if any at my death) he must pay it over all my daughters in equal sums to be paid in more than six at twelve or eighteen months and so. This instrument can be proven by some person acquainted with my handwriting if necessary as the whole is written by myself. September 7th, 1844.

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of C. Sevier Esq., who proved to the satisfaction of the court that the signature and handwriting was her. Given the Testator, at February term, 1847; and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Edwards will.

I Thomas Edwards of the County of Washington and State of Virginia Planter do make and publish this my last will and testament in lawfully Revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred at in the County aforesaid in a manner suitable to my condition in life, but as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to interest me with, I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as may be.