

- I, ³⁵⁴ Joseph Abbott of the County of Southampton and
 state of Virginia do make and publish this my last will and Testament in witness whereof
 following, that is to say
 Item 1 I give unto my wife Nancy Abbott the following negroes to wit negro woman named Betty George John
 first son of Annice Ruck and Will and their future increase also three hundred dollars in Gold
 silver and her heirs forever for and in my wife's life by this my last Will and Testament
 otherwise the said negroes and money must continue in my estate and be subject to my exec
 as it respects my personal estate
 Item 2nd I give unto my nephew Ethelred Abbott of Johnston County state of North Carolina Ten
 Shillings a dollar to him and his heirs forever
 Item 3rd I give unto my nephew William Abbott children to wit Sophia Elbert Hanson Ben
 and David Abbott Twenty five hundred dollars to them and to their heirs forever but in case
 either of them should die before they arrive to lawful age or marriage it is my Will and desire
 that the survivors shall have the said respective part
 Item 4th I give unto my nephew Henry Edward of Nash County state of North Carolina Five
 hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever
 Item 5th I give unto Abraham Claude son of Edm Claude at the death of my wife the same and debts
 to him and his heirs forever
 Item 6th I give unto my friend Willm Francis in case he survives one or two hundred dollars to him and his
 heirs forever
 Item 7th I leave unto my wife Nancy Abbott the balance of my Estate not before named both real and
 personal during her natural life and in her death
 Item 8th At the death or marriage of my wife I give unto Joseph T. Claude the whole of my Lands
 lying in the County of Southampton containing twelve hundred and eighty two acres or to be to
 some more or less to him and his heirs forever
 Item 9th At the death or marriage of my wife I give unto Joseph T. Claude and Samuel Drury all
 my slaves together with the rest residue and remainder of my whole Estate of whatsoever kind
 or description it may be not herein before particularly disposed of consisting of the whole of
 my personal Estate leave to my wife to be equally divided between them to them and their
 heirs forever
 Item 10th It is my Will and desire that whoever receives and enjoys my personal Estate shall use
 to Charlotte Day a decent and comfortable support and maintenance during her life
 Item 11th I do hereby constitute and appoint Joseph T. Claude and Samuel Drury Executors of this
 my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills or Testaments by me heretofore
 made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of
 November one thousand Eight hundred and twenty Eight
 Signed sealed and acknowledged
 in the presence of us
 Wm B. Gorton
 Henry Haines
 John Drury
 A Court held for the County of Southampton the 16 day of August 1830
 This last Will and Testament of Joseph Abbott deceased was proved by the oath of Henry Haines
 John Drury two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And in the presence of
 Joseph T. Claude and Samuel Drury the Executors therein named who made oath and signed
 with William B. Gorton Peter Edwards William T. Jones John Drury Willm Francis
 their Secutaries entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of sixty thousand dollars
 and sworn as the Law directs Certificate is granted the said Joseph T. Claude and Samuel
 Drury for obtaining of this said Will in due form
 Teste James R. Ricketts Clerk