

In the name of God. Amen. I Eli Joyner of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, being old and in full health, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, for the same. I do here think proper to make this paper writing in manner and form as follows -

Item 1st My will and desire first is that all my just debts shall be paid by my Executor -

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter in law Jane Joyner widow of Seths Joyner one fourth part of my chattle estate at my death to her and her heirs forever. I also bequeath unto my daughter in law Jane Joyner all my negroes and land during her single life, at her marriage, my will and desire is that my land and negroes shall be sold, and one fourth part of the proceeds of said sale to be given to my daughter in law Jane Joyner. Should she die and not marry, then I wish the said negroes and land to be sold and one fourth part of the proceeds of said sale to be given to the children or child of Jane Joyner, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Humbley wife of Lewis Humbley one fourth part of my chattle estate at my death and one fourth part of the proceeds of sale of negroes and land at the marriage or death of my daughter in law Jane Joyner to her and her heirs forever -

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Joyner wife of Edward Joyner one fourth part of my chattle estate at my death, also one fourth part of the proceeds of sale of my negroes and land at the marriage or death of my daughter in law Jane Joyner to her and her heirs forever -

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my two grandsons Viz. Jaison E and William F. Rowe one fourth part of my chattle estate at my death also one fourth part of the proceeds of sale of my land and negroes at the marriage or death of my daughter in law Jane Joyner, to them and their heirs forever -

Last ly. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son in law Levy Humbley my whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament, thereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me. In Witness whereof I the said Eli Joyner have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of July 1855.

Signed sealed and delivered
at the presence of

Jeremiah Joyner
Josephus Turner
Ivan Griffin

Eli Joyner (Seal)

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Southampton on the 1st day of May 1859 -
Jane Joyner

against

Jaison E and W. S. Rowe, Josephus Joyner & Seths Joyner infants by
DR Edwards their guardian ad litem and Margaret Humbley and
Edward Joyner and Nancy his wife

Plaintiff

On a motion to admit a
writing bearing date
the 24th day of July
1855, purporting to

be the last Will and Testament of Eli Joyner dec'd to produce.

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury to wit. James Cook, Wm J. Cott, John Proctor, James G. Jones, George W. Lawrence, Mansfield Hines, Wm H. Nicholas, Tarbin W. Scott, Wesley Bradshaw, Seths Charles, Coleman Hines, and Jos W. Hart, who being selected by lot, sworn and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue made up in this cause as the May Term 1856 of this Court, to wit, whether or no the said Eli Joyner died testate or intestate and whether the paper writing bearing date the 24th day of July 1855, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said Joyner, be the last Will and Testament of the said Eli Joyner upon their oath returned a verdict in the following words and figures. "We the jury find that the testator Eli Joyner died testate and that the paper writing bearing date the 24th July 1855 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Eli Joyner is the last will and Testament of the said