

I now all men by these presents that I James B Hardie of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia be make the following will vizt: I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth, all of my personal and real estate with all other property which I possess together with all legacies to which I may be heir. This will made the 22nd day of March 1858.
James B Hardie

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Southampton at the Courthouse thereof on Friday the 5th day of May A.D. 1858. A writing bearing date the 22nd day of March 1858 purporting to be the last will & Testament of James B Hardie dec'd was this day produced to the Court in order to be proved & there being no subscribing witnesses there Wm W Briggs & Vernon P Dewey being sworn and examined as witnesses the Court after hearing the testimony is of opinion that the said writing bearing date the 22nd day of March 1858 and the signature thereto are genuine the hand writing of the said James B Hardie dec'd. Wherefore it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as the last will and Testament of the said James B Hardie dec'd. At a Circuit Court held for the said County on the 6th day of May 1858. This last will & Testament of James B Howard which was admitted to record in this Court on yesterday and there being no executor named in said will & C.D. Hardie the widow refusing to qualify as Administratrix with the will annexed on the Motion of Joseph B Paine who made oath according to law & to gether with Joseph H Paine his security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered in to and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs which bond is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Joseph B Paine for obtaining letters of Administration on the estate of James B Hardie dec'd with his will annexed in due form.

Teste J B Edwards C. C.