

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1838. This day personally appeared before me Thos. Harcourt & Sonnensie Cobb and Samuel Gardner and made oath that they have appraised the estate of Josiah Cobb in accordance to the written order

Wm. A. Sparks Esq.

This day Matthew Vaughan personally appeared before me and made oath that he has appraised the Estate of Cobb in accordance to the written order of the Court. Decr. 16<sup>th</sup> 1839

Wm. A. Sparks Esq.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839

The Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Josiah Cobb etc. was returned and ordered to be Received

Jos. L. R. Edwards Esq.

In the name of God Amen. I William Henry Holden living sick and weak of body but of full sound and disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows:

I leave unto my dearly beloved wife Fanny Holden all of the property of which I die possessed as long as she remains single.

After the death or marriage of my dear wife Fanny Holden I then wish my personal estate consisting of one negro man Bob among stock of every description furniture &c to be equally divided between my Daughters Elizabeth L Holden & Martha Holden and my trust to my son William H Holden to him and his heirs forever.

It is my wish and desire that my dear wife Fanny Holden shall be my executor - At witness my hand and seal the 10<sup>th</sup> Septer 1839.

Signed sealed & delivered,

W. H. Holden Seal

in the presence of }  
R. A. Vaughan  
John Bowers

Dowry Pond

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1839

This last will and Testament of William H Holden deceased was proved by the oaths of Richard A. Vaughan and John Bowers two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and having been before proved by Dowry Pond also a subscribing witness thereto is ordered to be recorded. and on the motion of Fanny Holden the Executor thereto named who made oath and together with Richard A. Branch her security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted her for obtaining a probat therof in due form.

Jos. L. R. Edwards Esq.

In the name of God Amen. I James Taylor living of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form as followeth (Witness) my wish and desire is that all of my late Slave Negroes &c shall be sold at the discretion of my Executors and out of the proceeds of such sales pay all my just debts and the remainder to be equally divided between all my children namely Barbara, John Richards, William and Mary Taylor. I do appoint my friend Henry Hunter and my son Barbara Taylor Executors to this my last Will and Testament Revoking all other wills made before me by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.