

Said estate, and of which I am their authorized guardian, the above amount is in accordance with report submitted by Henry S. Howard Commissioner March 15th 1861

John T. Fordell

Teste

W. M. Beaton

Wm A Joyner

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office September 16th 1861.

This receipt was proved by the oath of Wm. A Joyner one of the witnesses thereto. And in the Clerk's Office the 21st October 1861 the said receipt was proved by the oath of W. M. Beaton the other witness thereto and thereupon admitted to Records -

Teste

L. R. Edwards

In the name of God. Amen: I George T. James of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, to wit: First I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Jackson, Fredony Jackson and Martha Jackson daughters of Amos Jackson all of my tract of land to them and their heirs forever, though if either of said children should die before they arrive the age of twenty one then the surviving ones shall have her part her part of said land.

Second I give and bequeath unto John H. James son of Francis James five hundred dollars in money or good bonds -

Third. I leave to James R. Joyner the following, negro woman Hannah and her two children and future increase his life and at his death they are to be free - My negro man Stephen I give and bequeath unto said James R. Joyner - the balance of my estate after paying my just debts - I give and bequeath unto Mark A. James and William A. Joyner to be equally divided between them -

Lastly - I nominate, constitute and appoint Mark A. James and William A. Joyner Executors to this my last will and testament - In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of April 1861.

In presence of

J. E. P. Turner

Jno. T. Branch

George T. James

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21st day of October 1861.

This last will and testament of George T. James dec^d was proved by the oaths of J. E. P. Turner and Jno. T. Branch the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Mark A. James and William A. Joyner the executors therein named who made oath and together with Thomas M. Newsom their security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining probate of the said will in due form -

Teste

L. R. Edwards

I William E. Council of S. Ampton County do make this writing my last will and Testament -

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my uncle James H. Council all my wearing apparel of every description

Item 2^d I appoint my Friend Benjamin F. Story Executor to this will. & direct that all my estate of every kind and description shall go into his hands as such, and further direct that all the income and interest from my estate shall be paid semi-annually to my mother Elizabeth Johnson during her life for her support, and if the income & interest from my estate shall be insufficient for her support I then direct that my said Executor shall appropriate out of the principal as much of said estate as he shall deem necessary for that purpose. I further direct that my Executor shall be as liberal in expenditures for her support as the situation of my estate will allow

Item 3^d all the estate which may remain in the hands of my Executor at the death of my mother Elizabeth Johnson I give and bequeath unto my two sisters Mary C. Owens & Catherine J. Owens equally, to them