

By permission of Almighty God. I James D Mafsenburg do on this 19th day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty three make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

That is to say I give and devise to my sons William and Edward the tract of land where I reside to them and their heirs forever. I also give to them negro man Abram and require them to support negro man Drew and woman Jining. I also give to my son William my desk and book case and to my son Edward the bed and other furniture in the room usually occupied by me.

To my grandson James P. Mafsenburg should he live to attain the age of twenty one or marry I give the following slaves to wit. negro woman Fanny and boys John and Tom women Louisa and Pleasant with their increase I also give to him negro man Miles. The said negroes to be hired out by my executors until the happening of one of the aforementioned contingencies and the proceeds of hire with said negroes then to be delivered over to my said grandson. But should he die without marrying or attaining the age of twenty one then I give said slaves and accruing hire to my sons William and Edward.

As the mill now in my possession will on my death pass jointly to my sons William and Edward and my grand son James, I wish it kept as a joint property until my said grandson is twenty one old and the above mentioned negro Miles to be retained as Miller and his hire rated at not more than twenty five dollars per year.

The rest of my estate not herein disposed of I give to my grandson James P. Mafsenburg appointing my sons William and Edward executors to this my last Will and Testament requesting that no security be required of them. Written and subscribed by me this day and date above.

James D Mafsenburg

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 19th day of December 1864
This writing bearing date the 19th day of October 1863 purporting to be the last will and testament of James D Mafsenburg dec^d was produced to the Court in order to be proved and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto James W Parker and J R Edwards were sworn and examined as witnesses and from their testimony the Court is satisfied that the body of the said writing as well as the signature of James D Mafsenburg thereto is wholly in the hand writing of the said James D Mafsenburg dec^d. therefore it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said James D Mafsenburg dec^d. and on the motion of William A Mafsenburg and Edward W Mafsenburg the executors therein named who made oaths and entered into bond in the penalty of Eight thousand dollars (but without security the will requesting none to be required) Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Teste

J R Edwards cl^k