

Southampton County In the Clerks Office the 18th day of September 1865.
This account of Edwin O Worrells administration on the Estate of James G Worrell dec^d
was this day returned and filed for exceptions. And at a Court held for the said County
on the 20th day of November 1865, the said account having lain one month and upwards
in the Clerks Office and there being no exceptions thereto, was examined, confirmed and ordered
to be recorded.

Teste

L. P. Edwards Clk

In the name of God, Amen. I William E Gay of the County of Southampton
and State of Virginia, do make and constitute this writing to be my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following to wit. namely.

Item 1st. After my just debts are paid I leave the balance of my estate in the hands of
my beloved wife Laura Ann Gay as long as she the said Laura Ann Gay lives my
widow. If she marries she is to have one third of my Estate during her life and the
balance of my estate I leave to be equally divided between my lawful heirs.

Item 2^d. In the event my wife Laura Ann Gay never marries she is to keep my estate as long
as she lives and raise the children and at her death my estate is to be equally divided
among my lawful heirs.

Item 3^d. It is my desire that my negroes shall not be sold. I wish them ^{to be} divided among my
heirs as aforesaid -

Item 4th. If my wife should become dissatisfied where she now lives I leave her the privilege
of selling any part of my estate to buy her a farm and that farm to go to my heirs at her death
or marriage to them and there heirs forever.

Item 5th. I give my wife the privilege of giving off to my children as they become twenty one
years of age or if they should marry before that time such property as she may think proper
by calling two men of good judgment to value the said property and that amount to be deducted
from their proportionable part of their legacy.

Item 6th. I nominate and constitute my Wife Laura Ann Gay my sole Executrix to
this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
with the power of selling any negro that may become unmanageable by her - This 11th day
of December 1854.

Teste

Willis W. Lawrence
Littleton ^{his} Moore

William E Gay (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th day of November 1865
This last Will and Testament of William E Gay dec^d was this day proved by the oath of Willis
W. Lawrence one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Littleton Moore the other sub-
scribing witness thereto being dead, the said Willis W. Lawrence testified that the said
Littleton Moore signed the same as a witness in his presence at the same time and in the