

In the name of God, Amen I James Holmes of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and body, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to wit: Item First, I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as may be convenient. Item Second, I give and devise unto my son J. E. L. Holmes and my daughter Mary H. Holmes and their heirs forever all of my lands and tenements situate, lying and being in the County of Southampton Virginia, which is the same on which I now reside, embracing six hundred and forty one acres of land more or less to be divided between them in equal shares and proportions having regard to quality and quantity. And I give and bequeath unto my said son J. E. L. Holmes and my said daughter Mary H. Holmes and their heirs forever all of my personal estate of every nature and description in equal shares and proportions. Item Third, I nominate and appoint my said son J. E. L. Holmes and my said daughter Mary H. Holmes Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed my signature and seal this 15th day of March 1876.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in our joint presence and witnessed
by us in the presence of each other
and in the testator's presence

K. A. Griffin
James B. Vick

James Holmes



At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15th day of March 1880. This Last Will and Testament of James Holmes deceased, was proved by the oaths of K. A. Griffin and James B. Vick the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test: L. R. Edwards C. C.