

I, Edward Beaton of the County of Southampton, and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say:

First, That my intentions herein after made shall provide for my body & decent burial suitable to the wishes of my family and friends, and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts, & moreover, and to the end of owing out of the Monies that may first come into their hands as part & parcel of my Estate.

Second, I give to my wife Sophie of Beaton, two beds and furniture, (first choice) six chairs, (first choice) One horse, or Mule, first choice, one Cow and calf, (first choice) & One Hundred dollars in Money. I also desire my wife Sophie of Beaton to have during her life, One third the real Estate I may die seized & possessed with, and to be laid off by Commissioners to be appointed by the Court of Southampton County, Virginia.

Third, The balance my property both real & personal including my real Estate at the death of my wife Sophie of Beaton, I desire to be equally divided among all my Grand Children, viz: S. L. Beaton, Julia S. Beaton, Jennie Estelle Beaton, Annie Maud Beaton, Blanche Edeline Beaton, Jennie Carr Beaton, children of my son Wm. M. Beaton and Antoinette M. Beaton, George A. Beaton, child of my son George E. Beaton, and Virginia O. Beaton, John Watford Beaton, child of my son John W. Beaton, and Whittier Beaton, Lellie of Beaton, Walter Otis Beaton, children of my son John W. Beaton, and Sallie Beaton, Mattie B. E. Jagers, child of Wm. A. Jagers, and my Daughter Ann wife, now deceased, Mattie A. Jagers, and Annie Pauline Beaton, and Beate Beaton Beaton, children of my son Edgar B. Beaton and Mattie E. Beaton, to have, they and their heirs forever. In this my last will and Testament I make no mention of my Daughter Mattie E. Pugh, and her children wife of Andrew Pugh, as I have a Life Insurance Policy for her benefit, neither have I made mention of my Daughter Laura Beaton as I also have a Life Insurance Policy for her benefit. And here I will state that it is my especial desire that One Thousand Dollars be taken by my Execution out of Insurance Policy for benefit of my Daughter Laura Beaton, and be applied toward the payment of a Debt that I about said amount on what is commonly known as the Leeds Tract Land. I wish this done so as to allow said tract land of any encumbrances so that my wife Sophie A. Beaton, the Mother of said Laura Beaton can hold her thirds of said tract land during her natural life.

I also give and bequeath to my servant Girl Jennie Beaton (Colored) the sum of Ten dollars, and to my servant Girl Caroline Beaton (Colored) I give the sum of Six dollars.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Wm. M. Beaton and George E. Beaton, my Executors to all intent and purposes, to execute this my last will & Testament, and that they be permitted to qualify without giving surety as required by law.

In Witness whereof I the said Edward Beaton do hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of November 1878.