



acre part of it which I have directed to be sold

To my daughter Minda the wife of Thos. D. Bray, I give the tract of land called the  
Beechhouse subject to the deduction of one hundred acres which I have directed to  
be taken from it and sold. The said Beechhouse tract hereby given I give to my said  
daughter for and during her natural life and no longer with all of its appurtenances  
as now enjoyed by her, and at her death I give the same to her children who may be  
then living in fee simple, and if any one of her children shall die in her lifetime leav-  
ing lawful issue alive at the time of my said daughter's death, then such issue shall  
stand in the place of the deceased parent and take the portion which the parent would  
take if living.

To my three Grand sons John, Leith and Benjamin Franklin Bray sons of my deceased  
daughter Emily who was the wife of Richard Bray, I give my dwelling house and the  
buildings appertenant thereto, and one hundred acres of land to be laid off around  
the said dwelling house in a convenient manner, but as a part of the said one  
hundred acres I give to my said three Grand sons twenty acres of Woodland to  
be taken from the land back of Colmans, such other Woodland as they may re-  
quire in order to give them a fair proportion of Woodland, is to be taken from the  
woods near the house.

To my Grand sons William Hayes and George Hayes, children of my deceased  
daughter Sarah, I give all the balance of my home farm which will remain after  
the portions which I desire to be sold and that which I have given to the children  
of my daughter Emily, shall have been laid off from it.

If my Grand sons William and George Hayes shall pay into the hands of my  
Executor one thousand dollars to be applied in payment of my debts, in that  
case they may, if they shall so elect, take the parcel of one hundred acres which  
I have directed to be laid off for sale upon the Beeson road, and no  
part thereof shall be made by my Executor. In like manner if my son Thomas

shall pay into the hands of my Ex<sup>r</sup> five hundred dollars to be applied in payment of my debts, he shall be at liberty to take the fifty acres part of Coleman's which I have directed to be sold. If my Grandsons John, Seth and Benjamin Orndelien shall pay into my Ex<sup>r</sup>'s hands five hundred dollars to be applied in discharge of my debts, in that case they may take the parcel of fifty acres which I have directed to be laid off near the dwelling house for sale. And if my daughter Martha Bray, or some one for her will pay into my Ex<sup>r</sup>'s hands one thousand dollars to be applied in payment of my debts, in that case the one hundred acres parcel of the Brookhouse tract which I have directed to be laid off and sold, shall not be sold, but the same shall be held by her for her life and go to her descendants in the same manner with the balance of the tract which I have devised to her, with the Brookhouse tract I devise the woodlands appurtenant thereto to pass.

I give to my Grandsons John Seth and Benjamin <sup>children of my daughter Emily</sup> the two old mills, and as I give them in order that my said grandsons may have the means of making bread in the beginning, I desire that the mills may not be removed from the place.

The balance of my estate not herebefore disposed of arising from the sales of my personal estate any surplus which may remain after my debts are paid, from the lands I have directed to be laid off for sale, or from any other source, I wish divided into five equal portions, one fifth of which I give to my son William, one fifth to my son Thomas, one fifth to my said three grandsons the children of my daughter Emily, one fifth to my grandsons William Hayes and George Hayes and one fifth to my daughter Martha Bray.

My object has been to secure homes to my children and grand children, so that they may not be dependant, and to enable them by industry sobriety and economy to obtain prosperity and success in life.

Lastly, I appoint my friend Colonel Joel Hayes the Executor of this my last will, and I hope that he will consent to act as my Executor, feeling sure that I can rely upon his integrity to carry out my wishes. And I hereby request my Ex<sup>r</sup>

Hayes and one fifth to my daughter Mariana Wray.

My object has been to secure provision for my children and grand children so that they may not be dependant, and to enable them by industry Sobriety and economy to attain prosperity and success in life.

Lastly, I appoint my friend Colonel Joel Hayes the Executor of this my last will, and I hope that he will consent to act as my Executor, feeling sure that I can rely upon his friendship to carry out my wishes. And I hereby invest my Executor with full power and authority to sell and convey the parcels of land which I have directed to be sold.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1865.

Witness  
M Cooper  
John White  
Wm H White

John Hogg (Seal)

At a Court of Quarterly Session begun and held for Glenwater County at the Court House on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1865. This last will and testament of John Hogg deceased was proved in open Court by the oaths of John White and Wm H White two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

John M. R. Cary C. Cur.



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Test Lena J Cooke below

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This 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1883

I Washington Cook of the County of Gloucester  
 State of Virginia, while in the presence of several (some) in the presence of  
 four (4) Witnesses do make my will as follows: That my wife Lucy Cook  
 shall possess my land (16) sixteen acres at my death, it shall belong to  
 her as long as she lives. At her death it shall be divided equally between  
 Wiley Cook, Margaret A. Roberson & John W. Hill. This land joins God-  
 frey Cook's on the West & B. C. Newcomb on the South, the church land  
 & Frank Shackelford on the East and George Jackson on the North.  
 And I say farther that all personal property, belonging to me, shall  
 belong to my wife (Lucy Cook) at my death, and at her death, to be  
 divided equally between the three persons before mentioned

Washington<sup>his</sup> Cook  
mark

my hand  
and seal

✓ J. J. Limon  
 W. B. Weaver  
 J. H. <sup>his</sup> Bluford  
 mark  
 George <sup>his</sup> Jackson  
 mark

Witnesses

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1883

At a Court of quarterly session begun  
 and held for Gloucester County, at the Courthouse on Monday, the  
 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1886 this last will and Testament of Washington  
 Cook deceased was proved in open Court by the oath of J. J.  
 Limon, W. B. Weaver and J. H. Bluford three of the Witnesses  
 thereto subscribed and by the Court advised to be recorded and

At a Court of quarterly session begun  
and held for Gloucester County, at the Courthouse on Monday, the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1886 this last will and Testament of Washington  
Cooke deceased was proved in Open Court by the oath of P. J.  
Limon, W. B. Weaver and J. H. Bluford three of the Witnesses  
thereunto subscribed and by the Court advised to be recorded and  
is recorded

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Luc S. Cooke Clerk

I Peyton Cooke of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia, being of  
sound mind, do make this my last will and testament, revoking all  
others in manner and form following to wit:

I hereby appoint my two eldest sons Edmund and Randall Cooke my  
Executors and request the County Court not to require security of them as  
such:

I desire my Executors to collect all moneys due me, sell all my  
personal property, and pay all my just debts.

I have given to my son Isaac Cooke one horse to dispose of as he  
thinks fit, with the understanding that this is to be his portion in  
my estate except as hereinafter mentioned.

I give to my son Edmund Cooke the fourteen acres of land on  
which he now lives.

I desire the eighteen and one half acres of land on which  
I now reside to be equally divided between my son Randall Cooke

of February 1886. This last will and Testament of Elizabeth P. Robins deceased was proved in Open Court by the oath of William F. Bagby and Lewis M. Lalani, two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and by the Court ordered to be read and is recorded

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Jno. J. Cooke Clerk

I, Thomas J. Bray, of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia being old and weak in body, but of sound mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make this to be my last will and Testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I desire that my Executive hereinafter named have me decently buried, and as early as may be pay all debts I may lawfully owe.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha A. Bray, all and every the estate I may own and possess, of what soever kind, to have hold, use and dispose of absolutely, as she may choose -

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Martha A. Bray Executive of this my will, and request that the Court allow her to qualify as such without giving any security.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25 day of June 1884

Signed and acknowledged by  
the Testator in our presence  
who in the presence of each

Thomas J. Bray (seal)

curity.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and af-  
fixed my seal this 25 day of June 1884

Signed and acknowledged by  
the Testator in our presence  
who in the presence of each  
other and in his presence and  
at his request do this 25 day  
of June 1884 Witness the  
same as his last will and  
Testament.

Thomas J Bray (seal)

R. H. Hogg  
F. P. Millitt

} Witnesses

At a County Court begun and held for  
Gloucester County, at the Courthouse, on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1886 this last will and Testament of Thomas J  
Bray deceased, was proved in open Court by the oath by the  
of R. H. Hogg one of the witnesses thereto subscribed, and  
F. P. Millitt the other subscribing witness being dead, the said  
R. H. Hogg being sworn depose that he is acquainted with  
the handwriting of the said F. P. Millitt and well believes  
that the signature of the said F. P. Millitt is in his own hand-  
writing, and the said R. H. Hogg further depose that the said  
F. P. Millitt and himself were present together at the same  
time when they subscribed their names as witnesses to  
the said will which was done in the presence of the