

Will of John Slade of Richmond, Virginia - June, 1826

In the name of God, Amen, I John Slade of the City of Richmond & state of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form towit:

I give, devise and bequeathe unto my beloved wife Martha Slade all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, to her and her heirs forever.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Slade for and during her natural life, my girl Eleanor, and at the death of my said wife to be equally divided, together with her increase among all my children & their heirs.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Slade, the house and lot on which I now live, situated on I Street, in said city between first and second streets, during her natural life and at her death unto my daughter Mary to her and her heirs forever.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Slade, my brick house and lot situated on H street in said city, between first and second streets, until my son John Wesley Slade shall arrive at lawful age and then unto him my said son John Wesley, subject to my said wife's dower, for him and his heirs forever.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Slade, all my right and title (which is now mostly in fee simple) on and to a certain house and lot situated on the south side of E street in said city. At present in the occupancy of John Easton and John Crockett while my son Bartholomew arrives at lawful age, and then unto him my said son Bartholomew, subject to my said wife's dower therein, to him and his heirs forever.

I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary, when she shall arrive at lawful age as and for and in lieu of the legacy due her from me as executor of James Gosden, deceased a large dutch roofed house and the lot appertaining thereto, which adjoins the lot of N ? Barry (in said city) on the one side and the lot hereinafter devised to James Slade on the other, as the same is now inclosed, if she will consent to receive the same in lieu of said legacy, but if she will not so consent, then I direct my executrix and executor hereafter named to sell said house and lot, and pay said legacy out of the proceeds and until my said daughter shall arrive at lawful age, it is my will and desire my said beloved wife should receive the rents & profits of said house and lot, the better to enable her to support and educate my said children.

I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew James G. Slade, son of my brother Jonah Slade, when he shall arrive at lawful age, as and for and in lieu of the legacy due him from me as executor of James Gosden deceased, a small dutch roofed house and the lot appertaining thereto, adjoining the lot devised above to my daughter Mary on the one side, and the property of Joseph Allen, (which he lately purchased from M Abner) on the other, as the same is now inclosed, if he will consent to receive the same in lieu of said legacy, but if he will not so consent, then I direct my executrix and executor to be hereinafter named to sell the said house and lot and pay said legacy out of the proceeds. And until my said nephew shall arrive at lawful age, it is my will & desire my said beloved wife should receive the rents and profits of said house and lot, the better to enable her to support and educate my said children.

I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Slade as and for her absolute property my negro woman Jenny, to her & her heirs forever.

I direct my exectrix and executor hereinafter named to make sale of my moiety of the brick tenement and lot on second street (the other moiety of which belongs to Abner Robinson) and also sell my horse and gig and invest the proceeds together with all monies due me and all th???. I die possessed of? after paying all my just debts in bank stock, for my two sons John Wesley and Bartholomew to be delivered to them at my said wife's death in equal proportion and it is my will and desire that my wife should receive the dividends on said stock during her life, for the better support of herself and children.

I wish it to be distinctly understood and is my will & desire that if my daughter Mary or my nephew James G. Slade should refuse to accept the houses and lots herein bequeathed to them in lieu of the legacies due them from me as executor of James Gosden deceased and my executrix or executor should sell the same in pursuance of this my will and that they should not produce enough to satisfy said legacies, that the bank stock or so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay the surplus shall be sold to pay the same.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Martha Slade executrix and my friend Samuel T. Pulliam; executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal, this xx day of June, one thousand eight hundred twenty six.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged, published and declared by the testator as and for his last will & testament in presence of us.

John Slade ((Seal))

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