

Will of John Campbell

Amherst County, Virginia: Will Book 9, p. 379

In the Name of God Amen

I John Campbell of the County of Amherst and state of Virginia being well in health and sound in mind and of disposing memory do hereby make this my last will and testament disannulling and provoking all others by me heretofore made.

Imprimis. I give my soul to God who gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner whereof I do will and bequeath my property in the following manner. Viz.

Item. It is my desire that all my just debts should be paid and after that I give and bequeath my property in the following manner, to wit.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Frances Campbell the plantation and house where we now reside with as much of my other property as she may want to render her comfortable during her natural life or widowhood and if she should ever marry again it is my wish and desire that that portion of my Estate she may die possessed of shall go to the same persons and be divided in the same proportion as to whom I may give the balance of my Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Campbell who is my oldest son one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto him one tenth part of what she may die possessed of both personal and real to be his and his heirs forever in fee simple.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Campbell and George Campbell in trust one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid James Campbell and George Campbell who are my sons one tenth part both personal and real property which she may die possessed of the profits of all which it shall be the duty of the said James Campbell and George Campbell to account for with Jevisy Campbell (my daughter) who is now the wife of Benjamin Campbell and at her death it shall be the duty of the said James Camp (sic) Campbell and George to equally divide the property aforesaid and its increase and such portion of the profits as may remain unexpended toward the separate use and maintenance among the children of the said Jevisy Campbell then living and the legal representatives of such as may be dead per stirpes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son George Campbell one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto him one tenth part of what she may die possessed of to be his and his heirs forever in fee simple.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Wiatt Campbell one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto him one tenth part of what she may die possessed of to be his and his heirs forever in fee simple.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the children of my son Jesse Campbell one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or

marriage I give and bequeath unto them one tenth part of what she may die possessed of to be theirs and their heirs forever in fee simple.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Campbell and George Campbell in trust one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid James Campbell and George Campbell one tenth part both personal and real property which she may die possessed of to be theirs and their heirs forever, nevertheless it shall be the duty of the said James Campbell and George Campbell to account for the profits of the aforesaid property and its increase with my daughter Sally Massie who is the wife of John Massie and at the death of the aforesaid Sally Massie shall equally divide the property aforesaid and its increase with such portion of its profits as shall remain unexpended toward the separate use and maintenance of the said Sally Massie among her children then living and the legal representatives of such as may be dead per stripes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Campbell and George Campbell in trust one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid James Campbell and George Campbell one tenth part both personal and real property which she may die possessed of to be theirs and their heirs forever in fee, nevertheless it shall be the duty of the said James Campbell and George Campbell to account with Mealia Massie who is my daughter and who is also the wife of Jesse Massie for the profits and increase of the property aforesaid and at the death of the aforesaid Mealia divide the property aforesaid and its increase and such portion of the profits as shall remain unexpended toward the separate use and maintenance of the said Mealia Massie among her children then living and the legal representatives of such as may be dead per stripes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Campbell and George Campbell one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real in trust after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto them one tenth part of what she may die possessed of in trust, nevertheless it shall be the duty of the said James Campbell and George Campbell to account with my daughter Rhody Bowling who is now the wife of Thomas Bowling for the profits and increase of the property aforesaid and at the death of the Rhody Bowling to divide the property aforesaid with its increase and such portion of its profits as shall remain unexpended toward the separate use and maintenance among her children then living and the legal representatives of such as may be dead per stripes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the children of Betsy Maddox who is my daughter one tenth part of my estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and [after] her death I give and bequeath unto them one tenth part of [what she may] die possessed of to be divided among those that are then living equally, and the legal representatives of those who are deceased per stripes.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the children of my daughter Nancy Wright one tenth part of my Estate both personal and real after my wife Frances Campbell shall have taken what she may want and after the death of her I give and bequeath unto them one tenth part of what she may die possessed of to be theirs and their heirs forever to be equally divided among those that are living at the time of distribution and the legal representatives of such as may be dead.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of August 1837.

Witness

John X Campbell {seal}

James Miller
William Wright
Ellis Wright

At a Court held for Amherst County on the 19th day of February 1838 the last will and testament of John Campbell dec'd was produced in open Court and proved by the oaths of James Miller, William Wright, and Ellis Wright subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of James Campbell & George Campbell who made oath and together with William N. Waller, John H. Camden, George G. Wright, & Valerius McGinnis their security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs which is ordered to be Recorded.

Certificate is granted the said James Campbell & George Campbell for obtaining letters of Administration on said decedents Estate with his will answered I due form.

Teste

Saml. M. Garland Clk

This copy of will was included in Nelson County Chancery Case 1849-040 (William I. Mays & wife vs. Joseph W. Rohr & wife)

Genealogical Analysis

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- John Campbell
 - Resident of Amherst County, Virginia
 - Died between 16 Aug 1837 and 19 Feb 1838
- Spouse
 - Frances
- Children
 - James Campbell (oldest son)
 - George Campbell
 - Jevisy Campbell (wife of Benjamin Campbell)
 - Wiatt Campbell
 - Jesse Campbell (deceased)
 - Sally Campbell (wife of John Massie)
 - Mealia Campbell (wife of Jesse Massie)
 - Rhody Campbell (wife of Thomas Bowling)
 - Betsey Campbell (wife of _____ Maddox)
 - Nancy Campbell, deceased (wife of _____ Wright)
- Others Mentioned
 - Benjamin Campbell
 - John Massie
 - Jesse Massie
 - Thomas Bowling
- Witnesses
 - James Miller
 - William Wright
 - Ellis Wright
- Probate
 - 19 Feb 1838
 - Executors
 - James Campbell and George Campbell