

Will of Burwell Gunn  
Nottoway County, Virginia

13th of January, 1855

Probated 5 April 1855

**Know all men by these present, that I Burwell Gunn of the County of Nottoway being of sane mind and wishing to make an equitable distribution of all my worldly goods do hereby make this my last will and testament, and in doing this do hereby revoke and cancel all former wills and testaments made by me.**

**1st My will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid.**

**2nd The property and the Negroes that I have already given to my children (to wit) James W. Gunn, William B. Gunn, Jamina J. Rogers, Mary B. Mason, and Henrietta K. Wells, I wish them to hold in fee simple.**

**3rd I give to my daughter Sarah A. Shackleford three Negroes (to wit) Lucy and her child Richard and Louisa with all their increase to her and her heirs forever.**

**4th I give to my son Elisha G. Gunn two Negroes Peter and (Martha Ann) with her increase also one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.**

**5th I give to my son Robert C. Gunn two Negroes (to wit) Joe and Emily with their increase also one feather bed, one cow and calf all of which he now has in his possession.**

**6th I give to my daughter Ann E. Gunn two Negroes (to wit) Indianna and her increase and George also one hundred dollars also one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever.**

**7th I give to my son Thomas J. Gunn three Negroes (to wit) Manirva and her increase, Henry and Wilson also two hundred dollars, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf to him and his heirs forever.**

**8th I lend to my wife Mary S. Gunn to be held by her all the residue of my property not disposed of in this instrument to be kept together by her during her life.**

**9th At my wife's death I give to my son Thomas J. Gunn the tract of Land known as Taylors to him and his heirs forever.**

**10th The balance of my land at my wife's death to be divided into nine equal parts to James W. Gunn, I give one equal ninth part to William B. Gunn one equal ninth part, to Jemina F. Rogers one equal ninth part, to Sarah F. Shackleford one equal ninth part, to Robert C. Gunn one equal ninth part to Anne E. Gunn one equal ninth part, to Elisha G. Gunn one equal ninth part to them and their heirs forever.**

**11th The other two ninths I lend one ninth part to my daughter Mary B. Mason during her life at her death to go to her children equally forever.**

**12th The other one ninth part I lend to my daughter Henrietta K. Wells during her life and should she have no living child at her death to be equally divided between my other children and their heirs forever.**

**13th At my wife's death or if my grand daughter Laura A. H. Shackleford shall come of lawful age or marry she shall have a Negro girl Jane and her increase and if she shall ever have an heir it shall be theirs forever.**

**14th My will and desire is at my wife's death all the balance not before disposed of shall be divided into ten equal parts and that James W. Gunn, William B. Gunn, Jamina F. Rogers, Sarah F. Shackleford, Elisha G. Gunn, Anne E. Gunn, Robert C. Gunn and Thomas J. Gunn each shall have one tenth part to them and their heirs forever.**

**15th One tenth I will in trust to my son Elisha for the benefits of my daughter Mary B. Mason during her life and at her death to her children forever**

**16th I lend the other one tenth to my daughter Henrietta K. Wills during her life if she shall have a child or children then I give to her and her heirs forever.**

**17th I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Mary S. Gunn Executrix to this**

**my last will and testament.**

**I also appoint E. G. Gunn to assist in the administration. My wife Mary S. Gunn shall not be required to give security for the due administration of this Instrument in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 13th day of January 1855. Signed Burrel (sic) Gunn**

**Teste**

**S. H. Pettus, Hartwell Spain, Griffin G. Gunn**

Burwell is the likely son of James Gunn, Jr., and Elizabeth Jordan Gunn