

Will of Ananias Cavenagh (Mary Shackelford's 3rd Husband)

March 12, 1763

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Ananias Cavenagh was my 6th great grandmother's – Mary Shackelford / Shackleford – 3rd husband.

"The Last Will and Testament of Ananias Cavenagh is that my Beloved Wife Mary Cavenagh May and Shall have all and Every thing to me Apportioning or belonging Either in Lands Chattles Horses or Goods or any & Everything that is or shall be found that is mine under the Sun. The Paying & Receiving all Lawful Debts, & [Pertaining?] & Doing with all my worldly Estate as to Her Seems Good, without any [Left?] Hindrance or Molestation from any Person or Persons Whatsoever. I also appoint Her whole and Sole Executrix of this My Last Will and Testament written with my Own Hand and Signed with my Seal & in my Right Senses and Good Health March the 12th Day 1763.

Ananias Cavenagh (Seal)

Witness Present

David James

James Thaw

Alex Greer Gillikin

The above will was proved in open court

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This will doesn't mention any children or bequests left to them, so my assumption is that there were no children born during this marriage. This is not surprising due to the ages of both spouses. However, the will was written while Ananias was in "Good Health", as he says in the will, so there were no time constraints preventing Ananias from spending some time apportioning where he wanted his Estate to go. He didn't even list any children from previous marriages. He just left everything up to Mary.

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