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Re: Will Benjamin Stanley Brunswick Co., Virginia

Some of you might recall some research we did a while back on the descendants of Rebecca L. Poythress who married Benjamin Stanley of Brunswick Co., Virginia. Particularly, we were interested to find a connection between this Stanley line and one Anna Stanley known to be associated with the family of James Edward Poythress of Sumter Co., Alabama. What follows is a transcription of the will of Benjamin Stanley, recently transcribed for us by my mother. There is no mention of Anna. Daughters Martha and Sarah are mentioned. Heirs of John D. Stanley, a son who apparently preceded Benjamin in death, would have been wife Lucy and children Willie and Gertrude. In the 1870 census an Anna Stanley is present in Benjamin's household. For whatever reason, she does not appear in this will, unless perhaps it is another name used by Martha or Sarah. Rebecca had died in 1861, a son, Benjamin L. in 1861, and another son, James W., in 1867. No heirs are mentioned for either of these sons.

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Will of Benjamin Stanley; Brunswick Co., Virginia, Will Book 20, pp. 418-19

In consideration of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, I Benja [sic] Stanley of the state of Virginia & County of Brunswick do hereby declare this to be my last will & testament.

I hereby give & bequeth [sic] to my daughter, Martha R. J. Stanley her life or as long as she remains single one tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Brunswick containing one hundred & forty four &

one fourth acres at her said Martha R. J. Stanley's death or marriage said land, to be divided to wit as follows one third to go to my son, G. M. Stanley, one third to the children of my daughter, Sarah F. Thomas & the other one third to the heirs of John D. Stanley.

I do hereby appoint my oldest son, George M. Stanley, Executor of this my

last will & testament this 1st day of June 1876.

Signed: Benja his X mark Stanley

Witness: William Fitts Nelson T. Crowder

Proved - Brunswick Court August term 1876

Teste: E. R. Turnbull, Clerk

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Transcribed March 2001 by Beatrice P. Baird from original Will Book
in

Clerk's Office, Lawrenceville, Virginia

Best regards,

Lyn P. Baird