

by the oath of William Dickson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is ordered to be recorded, and on motion of Christopher Dawson the said names in the said will made oath, and entered into bond with Andrew Dawson his security in the penalty of \$1500 Conditions according to Law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of said will in due form.

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Andrus Judge CCR

Michael Britt of Alleghany County and State of Virginia being of Sound Mind and disposing memory, do make and publish, this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and making void, all former wills by me heretofore at any time made. First - I will and bequeath to my wife Sarah Britt, during her natural life, all that part of my lands, embraced by the following bounds, to wit: Beginning at a Cedar on the point of a Ridge, S 36. W. to a double Hickory Sapling, by the corner of the road, 2 poles below the road, thence north to a Rock jutting over the water, corner to same, S 28 poles, crossing the Creek, to a nine bark, an Elm a Sycamore and ash, N 70. E down and crossing the Creek twice to three white oaks, from one root, an Elm, 2 single white oaks, and a small Cedar, on the Creek, thence a straight line to a double Cedar, at the point of an Island. thence down the meanders of the Creek, to an Elm and Plum Bark, thence to a Hickory, thence with the Creek, to 3 poles below the Boiling Spring. thence S 17. W. 32 pbs. passing through the Boiling Spring to the beginning, to have and to hold, as her entire dower in my lands & State.

Secondly. - I give and bequeath unto my son John Britt and his heirs, all that part of my lands, on the N. W. side of Potto Creek, below the following lines to wit: From the middle of the Creek 3 poles below the Boiling Spring, S 32. W. 10 pbs. to 2 Dogwoods, and a white oak, at the mouth of a Hollow. thence S 36. W. to 4 Dogwoods near the fence. thence S. 45. W. with the fence, continuing a straight line, to the land which I sold to him heretofore. To embrace the land between the above described lines, and the land sold to him aforesaid. I also give to my son John

all that part of a Survey of 300 acres, which lies between a line to be run from a Corner near the House of James Anders, to a corner near Ross, thence to the line of that part of said Survey, which I sold to Joseph Haggart, to make do the boundary between the line, thus run, and the land sold to said Haggart, with the following reservation to wit: That Henry Myers, is to have the privilege of taking and using on half of all the pine timber on said boundary, which is fit for saw service. To him and his heirs forever, except such reservation. - Thirdly. - I give and bequeath to my daughter Mathanne, who intermarried with Jacob Armontrout, all that part of my lands bounded thus. Beginning in the middle of the Creek, 3 poles below the Boiling Spring, corner to the land herein before bequeathed to my wife Sarah. thence with the several lines of the same to 2 white oaks on Rayhills line, 2 pbs. below the road, on my out side line. thence with my out side lines to a large poplar, 2 Sugar trees, and a Walnut, corner, to the land which I sold to John Britt. thence with the same, to where the line of the land herein before bequeathed to John Britt meets the same. thence with the line of the land, to a corner to the land which I sold to John Britt, corner to same. thence S. 32. E 10 pbs. with the same to the Beginning, to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly. - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Henry Myers the boundary of land embraced in the following lines, to wit: Beginning at a Rock jutting over the water corner to Rayhill, and the land herein before bequeathed to my wife. thence with the latter, N 61. E 28 pbs. crossing the Creek to a nine bark, an Elm, a Sycamore and ash. N 70. E, down crossing the Creek twice, to three white oaks from one root, an Elm, two single white, and a small Cedar, on the banks of the Creek, corner to same. thence a straight line with the said line, to a double Cedar at the point of an Island, corner to same. N 72. E crossing the Creek nearly with a fence to the out side line. thence with said out side line to the late Survey of 42 acres. thence with the out side line of said Entry to the corner by Ross, which is a corner to the land herein before given to my son John. thence with a line of the same, to the corner by same land. thence with my several out side lines to the Beginning, to her and her heirs forever.

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by the oath of William Hickson one of the subscribing witnesses
thence, and the same is ordered to be recorded, and on motion
of Christopher Bauman the Executor named in the said will, the
made oath, and entered into bond with Judah Bauman his
security in the Penalty of \$1500 Conditioned according to Law.
Certificates is granted him for obtaining a probate of said
will in due form.

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Andrus Fudge CCR

I Michael Britt of Alleghany County and State of Virginia
being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make
and publish, this my last will & Testament, hereby revoc-
ing and making void, all former Wills by me heretofore
at any time made. First. I will and bequeath to
my wife Sarah Britt, during her natural life, all
that part of my lands, embraced by the following bound-
aries To wit. Beginning at a Cedar on the point of a
Ridge, S 36 W to a double Hickory Sapling, by the corner of the
line, 2 poles below the road, thence with the line to
a Rock jutting over the water, corner to said Raghill, S. 61.
E 28 poles, crossing the Creek, to a nine bark, an Elm a
Sycamore and ash, N 70 E down and crossing the Creek twice
to three white oaks, from one root, an Elm, 2 single white
oaks, and a small Cedar, on the Creek, thence a straight
line to a double Cedar, at the point of an Island. thence down
the meanders of the Creek, to an Elm and plant bush, thence
to a Hickory, thence with the Creek, to 3 poles below the
Boiling Spring. thence S 17 W 32 pls. passing through the Boiling
Spring to the beginning, to have and to hold, as her entire
dower in my landed Estate.

Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my son John Britt
and his heirs, all that part of my lands, on the N. W. side
of Potato Creek, below the following lines To wit. From the
middle of the Creek 3 poles below the Boiling Spring. S 32 W 110
pls. to 3 Dogwoods, and a white oak, at the mouth of a
Narrow. thence S 36 W. to 4 Dogwoods near the fence. thence
S. 44 W. with the fence, continuing a straight line, to the
land which I sold to him heretofore. To embrace the
lands between the above described lines, and the land
sold to him as aforesaid. I also give to my son John

all that part of a Survey of 300 acres, which lies between
a line to his run from a corner near the House of Jene
Anders, to a corner near Roses, thence to the lines of that
part of said Survey, which I sold to Joseph Maggard, to
include the boundary between the line, then run, and the land
sold to said Maggard, with the following reservation To wit.
That Henry Myers is to have the privilege of taking and using
one half of all the pine timber on said boundary, which is
fit for saw timber. To have and to hold, unto said Henry
Myers, his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter
Natharine, who intermarried with Jacob Sommontrous, all that
part of my lands, bounded thus. Beginning in the middle of the
Creek, 3 poles below the Boiling Spring, corner to the land heretofore
bequeathed to my wife Sarah. thence with the several
lines of the same to 2 white oaks on Raghill's line, 2 pls. below
the road, on my out side line. thence with my out side lines
to a large poplar, 2 Sycamores, and a Walnut, corner, to the
land which I sold to John Britt. thence with the same, to
where the line of the land heretofore bequeathed to John Britt
crossed the line of the land which I sold to John, to 4 Dogwoods by the fence, corner to said S. 36
E to 2 Dogwoods and a white oak, at the mouth of a Narrow,
corner to same. thence S 32 E 10 pls. with the same to the begin-
ning, to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who
intermarried with Henry Myers the boundary of land embraced
in the following lines, To wit. Beginning at a Rock jutting
over the water corner to Raghill, and the land heretofore
bequeathed to my wife. thence with the latter, S. 61 E 28 pls.
crossing the Creek to a nine bark, an Elm, a Sycamore and
ash. N 70 E, down crossing the Creek twice, to three white oaks
from one root, an Elm, two single white, and a small
Cedar, on the bank of the Creek, corner to same. thence
a straight line with the said line, to a double Cedar at
the point of an Island, corner to same. N 72 E crossing the Creek
nearly with a fence to the out side line. thence with said
out side line to the late Survey of 42 acres. thence with the
out side line of said Entry to the corner by Roses, which is
a corner to the land heretofore given to my son John.
thence with a line of the same, to the corner by same land.
thence with my several out side lines to the beginning.

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Sixthly. The land which I had bequeathed by my former will to my Grand Child, the heirs of Geo. Britt dead, has since been conveyed to them by Deed, therefore I bequeath them no land in this will. - Seventhly. I also, ^{give and} bequeath to my wife Sarah my negro Girl named Viney and her future increase, to have and to hold during her natural life, also my Loom and its appurtenances, I devise my wife to have, to her and her heirs forever. also one set of Ching to her and her heirs forever. -

Eighthly. I also give and bequeath to my son John Britt, my negro Woman named Betty (commonly called Betty) and her future increase, to him and his heirs forever. -

Ninthly. I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Natharine who intermarried with Jacob Armentrout, my negro Boy named James, to her and her heirs forever. -

Tenthly. I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Henry Myers, my negro Girl named Nancy and her future increase, also my negro Boy named Lewis to her and her heirs forever. - I also give and bequeath unto Henry Myers, my Saw Mill Irons including Saw etc. for which he is to

to build the front side of the House to shut the door of the kitchen and to nether board the shed of the Barn, such plank as will be suitable for such purpose. - Eleventhly. It is my will and desire that George Britt Widow have my Black Smiths Tools during the minority of my Grand Son Michael Britt, and when said Michael shall attain to the age of 21 years to go to him and his heirs forever. - Twelfthly. I will and desire that my

Executors, hereon after named, shall immediately after my Death, Cause the balance of my personal property, not herein before disposed of, to be appraised and sold in the usual way and out of the proceeds, shall pay all my just debts & funeral expenses. - Thirteenthly. I will and desire that the balance of the proceeds of the sale of my personal property as aforesaid, shall be divided as follows, to wit. One third part thereof to my wife Sarah. The balance to be equally divided between my son John Britt, my Daughter Natharine Armentrout and Elizabeth Myers, to them and ^{their heirs} - And lastly, I hereby ordain, constitute and appoint Lu Pusey and Andrew Seaman Executors of this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I Michael Britt have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of March 1840

signed sealed published and 2 Michael Britt

Witnessed, as and for the last will and Testament of the above named Michael Britt in the presence of us. -
Alexander Rayhill
Nathan Boyd
Andrew Seaman

Whereas I Michael Britt of the County of Alleghany, have by my last will and Testament, as aforesaid, on the 28th day of March 1840, disposed of my estate, both real and personal. Now I the said Michael Britt, being desirous of making some slight alterations, in some of the Legacies heretofore bequeathed, do therefore make this present writing, which I will and desire to be annexed as a Codicil to my said Will, and taken as part thereof. -

It is my will and desire that the lines dividing land heretofore willed to my son John, and my Daughter Natharine, be so changed that the line will commence where a straight line running N. 38. W. from a double Chestnut oak, Service bush and small Cherry, on the point of a Ridge, would cross the line of the land of John Britt, with the Corners N. 35. W. to 2 white oaks, on a ridge by a path. Thence with the ridge N. 35. W. to 2 white oaks, on the same. Thence N. 35. W. to three white oaks, on the Ridge. Thence N. 13. E. up the Ridge to 2 white oaks. Thence N. 63. W. to a Black oak, Chestnut oak and white oak, on a high point. Thence a S. W. Course with the main top of the ridge to the out side line, and that my son John shall have the land below the line thus designated and adjoining the land formerly willed him, and that my Daughter Natharine have the balance of the land that was before willed to her, which lay above the above described lines, in Consideration of which the said Armentrout is build a good and sufficient fence on the line between him and my wife. - 2nd It is my will and desire, that after the death of my wife Sarah, the land devised to her, shall be divided, by a line running from the white oak, Corner, on the Creek, at the head of the Riffet Bottom N. 24. W. up the point of the ridge to 3 pines a white oak and Chestnut oak. Thence with the top of the ridge, to a double Chestnut oak, Service bush and small Cherry. Thence N. 38. W. to the Corner designated as the division Corner between John Britt and Natharine Armentrout. - all the land below the line thus designated, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah and her heirs forever. -

all the land above the line designated as aforesaid, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mathew. Assentment, to her and her heirs forever which bequests are to take effect as soon as the life estate which I have given my wife, shall end - Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my son George Ardis heirs that part of a Survey of 300 acres which I had formerly given my son John, and described as lying between a line to be run from a corner near the house of Isaac Schuch, to a corner near Rose's. Hence to the lines of that part of said Survey which I sold Joseph Haggard, to include the boundary between the line and the land sold said Haggard, to them and their heirs forever. Fourthly. It is my will and desire that the negro Girl, milled to my wife, shall not be removed off the land which I have milled her, but there to remain until her life estate in said land shall end. and I do ratify and Confirm my said will in every thing except where the same is necessarily revoked, to give validity to this Codicil. In witness whereof, I the said Michael Ardis, have to this Codicil set my hand and affixed my seal the 10th day of March 1842.

of which subscribed our names in presence of each other, the 25th day of March before signed

George Hanson
Alexander Rayhills
Andrew Leamon

Alleghany County Court December Term 1845

An Instrument of Writing purporting to be the last will, and Testament of Michael Ardis deceased, together with a Codicil thereto annexed, was produced to the Court for probat. And the said Will was proved by the oath of Andrew Leamon & Alexander Rayhills two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said Codicil was proved by the oath of Andrew Leamon, Alexander Rayhills & George Hanson the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same is ordered to be recorded. And on motion of Andrew Leamon and Geo. Purser for the Executors named in the said Will, who made oath thereto and together with Christopher Leamon & Charles King their co-executors entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1200. Conditioned as the law directs, certificates are granted them for obtaining a probat of said Will with the Codicil thereto annexed in due form.

Notary Seal

W. Leary

Apparatus

Bill

Warrant

Alleghany County Court January Term 1845

John D. Leamon Esq. and Griffith, Esq. were called & John D. Leamon (any one of whom may act, being first duly sworn for that purpose) as by the Court appointed appraisers, to appraise in current money the personal estate of Hyskiah Staggs decd. and that they return their appraisement under their hands to Court. A copy seen Andrew Judge C.R.

In pursuance of an order of the County Court of Alleghany at its January Term 1845. as is hereunto entered in Court records, first being duly sworn, we have proceeded to appraise the personal property of Hyskiah Staggs decd. at Cash valuation. -

Lacey	200 00
Rachel	200 00
Henry	500 00
Washington	300 00
Wm	350 00
Lacey	300 00
Mahaly	200 00
Mariah	100 00
John	150 00
John	100 00
1 Black Horse	15 00
1 Goat Spring	20 00
1 Bull Cow	8 00
1 Spotted Cattle	10 00
1 White Cattle	10 00
1 Red Cattle	8 00
1 Spotted Cattle	10 00
1 Red Cattle	10 00
1 Saddle	15 00
1 Wooden Cask	8 00
1 Book Case	10 00
1 Lot of Books	15 00
16 Bedther beds	128 00
3 Acorn Bedsteads	15 00
1 Rustin Bedstead	5 00
1 Set Sewing Sables	12 00
1 Sack Sewer	4 00

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Griffith
Leamon
Leamon