

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Waddell

of Giles County Virginia being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament I give to my dear Grand Children namely Polly Waddell Elizabeth Waddell Eliza Waddell James Waddell Lucretia Waddell and John Waddell my three Bets Bedsteads and all the furniture therein belonging, also two tables and all other property whereof I am possessed to be equally divided among them when they arrive to the age of twenty one year or widens my hand and seal this 7th day of October 1831

Signed Sealed and delivered Elizabeth Waddell  
in the presence of  
James A. A. A.  
Joshua J. Bennett

Virginia 24th Giles March 1st 1833  
This last will and testament of Elizabeth Waddell was presented in Court and read and the same was recorded  
Test R. A. French Clerk

I David French of the County of Giles and State

of Virginia do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of my Estate.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Guy D. French nine hundred & forty one acres of land also my lot in the town of Pearisburg now in the occupancy of Beane & Chapman of all which had been heretofore conveyed to him by me and which I estimate at one thousand dollars I likewise give and bequeath unto my said son Guy D. French two negro slaves Ben Lecky and Roach both of whom I estimate at four hundred dollars I also give to him his land executed to me for the sum of one hundred dollars to gether with interest subject however to such credits as may thereon due

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Maria McComas and Cynthia & her wife the house and lots in the town of Pearisburg now in the occupancy of Samuels Pack for which I have heretofore conveyed to them by deed of Gift which I estimate

at seven hundred dollars I likewise give unto said McComas and wife one negro Girl name Eve now in their possession which I estimate at three hundred dollars I likewise give them the amount of money which said McComas received from me amounting to about one hundred dollars

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto Samuel Pack and Harriet his wife about six hundred acres of land which I have heretofore deeded to them also I likewise give unto them two Negro Women viz Fanny and Minnie all of which I estimate at one thousand & fifty dollars I also give and bequeath unto them the bond executed by the said Pack to me for the sum of three hundred dollars to gether with its interest

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my Sons Rufus A. French and David Milton French the tract of land on which I live together with all the tract of land I purchased of Joseph Willard lying in my name my home plantation lying North of the wagon road between my Court house to Henry Chapman's mill and binding on the lines of Samuel Pack Henry Chapman's home plantation Isaac Chapman & others all of which I estimate at five thousand dollars I also give unto my son Rufus A. a lot of land in the town of Pearisburg which I have heretofore deeded to him and also one bed and furniture which is not taken into estimate in the partition of my Estate but is given him gratuitously I also give and bequeath unto him my said son Rufus A. all of bequeath unto him my said son Rufus A. my Negro man Jesse estimated at five hundred dollars I also give and bequeath to my son David Milton my Negro Women Caloy and here two children estimated at five hundred dollars I also give unto him gratuitously one young man that he has claim to also one bed and furniture gratuitously should my sons Rufus A. and David Milton wish to have a partition of their land and cannot themselves agree upon a division satisfactory to each then and in that case they or my Executors hereafter to be named shall take two or more disinterested persons who shall divide the same

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my sons Rufus A. and William Henderson three hundred

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Land lying on Wolf Creek also my interest in the land  
lying on French Creek say my interest in the new  
tract of land where French Smith now lives also  
my undivided moiety of two tracts or parcels of  
land adjoining the same purchased in 1830 from  
partnership with the late John Dingo from that  
person agent for Watson and Lloyd all of which I  
estimate at two thousand dollars to be divided  
in the same way as the lands of Rufus A. and  
David Milton if a partition should be wanted  
either by Napoleon B B or William H. then I  
wish and desire that such of my children as have  
not conveyed to me their interest in the new tract  
of land: convey the same to Napoleon B and William  
H. as soon as they arrived at age and it is also my wish  
that they convey unto Anthony Lawson or his assigns their  
interest in the lands set by me to the said Lawson  
lying at Logan Court House as soon as they arrive at  
age I also give and bequeath to my said son Napo-  
leon B. French my Negro man Buck who estimate  
at three hundred dollars and his furniture  
and furniture gratuitously I also give and  
bequeath unto my son William Henderson  
French my Negro man Sam estimated at  
four hundred and fifty dollars and also I give  
and bequeath unto my daughter  
Varanahly I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
Minerva and the the land I purchased of John  
French lying on Wolf Creek together with an other  
tract of about fourteen hundred acres adjoining  
the same purchased from James Weaver agent  
for the bank of Delaware &c. all estimated at  
seven hundred dollars I likewise give and bequeath  
to her my Negro woman Sally and her child estim-  
ated at three hundred and fifty dollars and I also  
give her the Piano Forte which I purchased in  
Philadelphia the horse and saddle she claims and  
the Bed and furniture she claims gratuitously  
I give and bequeath unto my son James  
Harvey the land which my father willed me lying  
on Wolf Creek also all my land adjoining the same  
including the lands I purchased of Col Johnston all my  
lands on Wolf Creek except the lands devised to my  
daughter Minerva estimated at two thousand dollars  
also I give and bequeath to him one Negro boy named  
Lee estimated at three hundred dollars and also

I give him the man which he claimed as  
let and furniture gratuitously  
Ninthly. The small tract of land lying between  
Capt. Arnold and New River I devise to my son David  
and Samuel Pack on the condition that they erect  
within two years on the same within the term of  
eight years but in case they refuse or neglect to do so then  
and in that case either of my heirs has the right and  
liberty to do the same and to whom I bequeath the land  
provided the said improve ments are made  
within two years after my son David & Milton arrives at  
age. If however the said improve ments shall be neg-  
lected then my executors are hereby required to sell  
the same the proceeds of which is to be divided  
equally among all my children  
Tenthly. It is my will and I desire that all  
the lands and personal property belonging to me  
not hereby devised shall be sold by my executors  
at their discretion the proceeds of which after my  
debts are paid shall be equally divided  
amongst all my children  
that all the debts <sup>due</sup> to me shall be collected by my execu-  
tors and the proceeds applied as above amongst which  
have a deed of trust upon a Negro woman named  
Clara the property of William Smith If after the col-  
lection of my other debts and satisfaction of the said prop-  
erty there should be sufficient to pay all my debts  
then my desire that my executors shall  
not proceed to sell the said Negro Clara (if the debt  
do me should not be paid by the said William  
Smith but the said Clara remain in the possession  
of the said Smith so long as his wife lives but should  
the debts due me and the proceeds of the sale of  
my lands and other property be inadequate to  
the payment of my debts then and in that case  
it is my wish and desire that the said Clara be sold  
if the said executors should think or be of opinion  
that the safety of the said debt or other circum-  
stances require the sale of Clara then in with-  
out foregoing ments my executors are required to  
have the said Clara sold under the said trust Deed  
(Eleventhly) It is my wish and desire that the  
Education of my two youngest sons James Harvey &  
David & Milton be completed by executors and  
the same paid for out of my estate and also

My Executors take in charge the Lands and property hereby devised to my three minor children Reverend S. James Harvey and David Milton and that they my said Executors do manage the same as guardians for the three said infants and children until they arrive at age. Twelve monthly my said executors are hereby authorized and required to prosecute and defend all the law suits in which I am now involved and they are likewise required to indemnify and keep free from injury my friend William Thaxton of Garrard county Kentucky who stands bound as my security in an injunction bond in the Federal Court held at Frankford in the state of Kentucky. Thirtiethly It is my will and desire that each one of my children receive an equal portion of my estate to which end my executors required after the settlement of my estate to pay for my son Rufus of the sum of eleven hundred and eighty dollars out of his part of the personal estate and that amount be due him upon settlement they are also required to pay for my son David Milton the like sum of eleven hundred and eighty dollars out of his part of the personal estate and each amount to be paid him on settlement they are likewise required to pay for my son James Harvey the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars out of his part of the personal estate if such amount be due him on settlement which said sums of money are to be paid over to my other children in such proportions as will make them all equal agreeably to the manner in which I have stipulated my property hereby devised to them but in case it should turn out upon the settlement of my estate that there is nothing coming to them except what has already been devised to them by this will they are required to pay over to my executors for the purpose aforesaid the sums respectively due from them to my other children but should it appear from the settlement of my estate that any money is due them after the payment of my debts what ever it may be my executors are required to pay over the same to my other children for the purpose herein before specified then the residuum due my other children are to be paid to my executors by sons Rufus & James & David & for the purpose of making

equal all my children but should it turn out that my son Rufus & James & David should have to pay the same due from each of them respectively or any part thereof to my children out of their portion of the estate which I have hereby devised to them out of their own private funds they are to pay the same in five annual instalments without interest. Rufus & James & David Milton every year after they arrive at age respectfully

Fortiethly It is my will and desire that what ever sum may be due to my daughter Cynthia McCombs in a settlement of my estate shall be retained in the hands of my executor who shall dispose of the same in the manner the most conducive to her interest and which shall be judged off by them. Fiftiethly I do hereby and appoint my French and son in law Samuel Pack for my executors to this my last will & testament with full power and authority to act in the manner herein before specified in testimony whereof I have hereunto prefixed my hand & seal the 27th September 1835

David French

Test  
Mountain Water  
William French  
Thos. Boyd  
John McLaugherty

Virginia

At a Court held for the County of Giles on Monday the 28th day of October 1835  
This last will & Testament of David French Deceased was presented in Court & proved by the Oaths of John McLaugherty & Thomas F. Boyd two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded  
Test Rufus & French

In the name of God Amen I Julius Wells of the County of Giles and state of Va. being sick and weak and feeling shortly to die but of sound mind and memory I do make this my last will and testament in the presence of witnesses and my soul to God who give it and desire that my body be buried in Christian and manner at the discretion of my Executors and