

Buford } I William Buford of the County of Pittsylvania and
will } State of Virginia, being feeble in body but of sound
mind and disposing memory, and considering the
uncertainty of human life, do make and publish this
my last will and Testament, and solemn disposition of
my property.

Item 1st whereas Vincent Shelton deceased, late of the
County of Pittsylvania, some time previous to his death
~~made and published his last will and Testament, wherein~~
he bequeathed to certain trustees therein mentioned, to the
use and for the benefit of my beloved wife Susan R.
Buford for her life, one seventh part of all his estate af-
ter payment and satisfaction of all his just debts and
liabilities, and after her death, the said property to go
to her children and their heirs forever: And whereas, at
the time of the death of the said Vincent Shelton, no
such will was to be found, it being supposed to be lost or
mislaid and so could not be admitted to ^{probate} record. I address-
ed a letter to Abram G. Shelton, late of the County of
Lincoln and State of Missouri, who while a resident of
this State had drawn the will, to know what was the
character of the several dispositions made therein, he
replied among other things, that the disposition in

regard to my wife was substantially as that above men-
tioned, I wrote to him again to send me a succinct
and separate recital of that item of the will which
related to my wife, in order that I might if necessary,
have it further established by additional testimony and
admitted to Record, but before this could be had he was
taken ill and died, and so the matter has remained ever
since. Since which time however, I have held, and do
now hold my wife's share of the estate of her father
the said Vincent Shelton, obtained at the regular dis-
tribution thereof, to the use and for the maintenance and
support of my wife and her children. And now my be-
loved wife having lately died, I do by this my last will
and Testament, give up, surrender and bequeath unto my
children according to the true intent and meaning of the
said provision of the will of the said Vincent Shelton and
of his often expressed desire in regard to the said prop-
erty, say all and all interest I may have in said prop-
erty, now consisting of one negro woman named Sally
and her children now in my possession, and other negro
woman named Susan and her children now in my

Witness my hand

profession, and the children of another negro woman, Tabitha
now deceased, or such of them as may be left after payment
of all just debts contracted by me since they came into my
profession, and for the maintenance and support of my
wife and children to be equally divided among my three chil-
dren, or their heirs.

Item 2nd The true intent & meaning of the above item is
to express the true condition and ownership of the prop-
erty therein referred to and specified, in order to prevent any
misunderstanding or litigation concerning it after my death.

Item 3rd I desire my Executor to sell all the perishable prop-
erty of which I am possessed at the time of my death, as soon
thereafter as convenient, out of the proceeds of which I desire
all my just debts to be paid, and I further desire my
Executor, if my youngest son Charles F. Buford after my
death shall desire to continue his education at some prop-
er school to be selected and approved by my Executor, to
furnish him with the means of doing so, to the amount
of two hundred dollars to be raised out of the proceeds of
the above mentioned property after the payment of my just
debts, or of any other money or effects belonging to me in
his hands. The residue of said proceeds if any, I give
and bequeath to my three sons, equally to be divided between

and bequeath to my three sons, equally divided between
them. Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my
son A. S. Buford sole Executor of this my last will and
Testament and desire that he be not required to give se-
curity as such is signed and published in the presence
of the subscribing witnesses, this fourth day of October
1848
Witness
William Buford

William B. Millner
M^r. W. Guarrant

At a circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery continued
held for Pittsylvania County the 25th day of October 1848
This last will and Testament of William Buford dec^d.
was presented in court and proven by the oaths of the two
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
And on the motion of Algernon S. Buford the Executor in said
will named who made oath and entered into and acknowledged
a bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned
according to said certificate was granted him for obtaining
proofs of said will in due form, as security being required
under said will.
Jesse Wm. L. Tunstall clk