

fore in my will give to my wife and Martha Mallon, I give to each of them the sum of two hundred dollars. If my executor finds it necessary to sell a portion of my Real Estate for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of my will, and this said child, he is directed to do so. This is designed to make null and void as to what is written on the back of my Will dated 18th May 1859.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my seal and signature this 25th May 1859 in
 Witness my hand
 J. Brosius
 Isaac Brabaker

At Roanoke June Court 1859
 The last Will and Testament of Simon E. Gordon deceased with a Codicil thereto was, this day produced in Court and the said Will was, now according to law by the oath of John B. Day and John W. Day, subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said Codicil was, now according to law by the oath of Jacob Brosius and Isaac Brabaker subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said Will & Codicil are thereupon admitted to probate. And on motion of Smith Petty, the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto, and with John W. Day and Lewis Staff as his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000.00 with co-sureties according to law, the said Smith Petty is appointed and declared Executor of Simon E. Gordon deceased.

A Copy from the Records of Court
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 I, Jacob Murray of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and wishing to dispose of such of my Estate as under Providence I am permitted to possess, do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament, in full and final as follows. First, I direct that my executor herein-after named, shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of the first money that may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Secondly - I give to my beloved wife Catherine L. Murray, such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may choose to take, which shall not be exposed to public sale.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine and to my adopted son James R. Burchett all the balance or residue of my Estate, both real or personal, to be divided equally between them, share and share alike except such sums as I may hereinafter appropriate to specific purposes.

It is my will, and I hereby direct my executor to do so.

after my death as proper arrangements can be made, and due and reasonable notice can be given, to sell to the highest bidder at public auction all my landed and personal Estate (except my slave). The personal property to be sold upon the usual terms. My executor shall require the purchaser of my land to pay one-fifth of the purchase money in hand, and the balance in such payments as he may think best, either requiring the interest upon the payments or not according to his own discretion and taking such security as will render the deferred payments perfectly safe.

It is my will and desire that my executor shall sell my servant man Stephen to his (Stephen's) wife upon very moderate terms, such as will enable her to make the purchase.

With regard to my servant man (Alexander) it is my wish that my executor permit him to hire himself at free wages to me, and that he be permitted to receive and to make use of his own wages as he pleases, provided he shall conduct himself in a proper and orderly manner. If provided against his becoming charged to any other person in his old age, if he should come to want, I direct that my wife and my said adopted son James R. Burchett shall each bind themselves to pay an equal amount towards his (Alexander's) support if it shall become necessary.

It is my wish that my servant Phil be permitted to select the person to whom he wishes to be sold, to whom my executor may sell him, if suitable terms can be arranged.

My servant girl (Rose) shall be allowed to select a master for herself, and her two children (Henry & Harrison) to whom my executor may sell them if suitable terms can be agreed upon. If sales cannot be effected with the person selected as master by the above slaves, which are to be sold, then in that event my executor is authorized to sell them privately to such persons as he may think will make them good and kind masters. I do not wish them to be sold publicly and taken away among strangers, if it can be avoided.

It is my express wish and desire that my adopted son J. R. Burchett shall continue at Roanoke College until he graduates, unless his health should render it impracticable to do so. I therefore direct that my executor shall put out upon interest all the money that may come into his hands or part of the legacy of the said Burchett until he graduates, and only pay over to him from time to time such sums as may be necessary to pay for his schooling, clothing and reasonable amount of spending money. So soon as he graduates or his health fails him that he cannot continue at College, his portion of my estate shall be paid over to him so fast as the money is collected from the sale of my property. Every part of this my last Will and Testament shall be

Continued as to give to my wife and to my adopted son J. R. Burchett equal portions of my Estate - That moiety bequeathed to my beloved wife to be paid over to her by my executor as fast as it is collected from the sale of my Estate, to be held of her or her own property to dispose of as she may think proper.

Lastly I do ordain and appoint my friend John Hunt the executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments, of me made.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of Sept 1860

Witness
John McCauley
William B. Simmons
William McCauley

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Codified to my last Will and Testament, made and signed at Stoughton 20th 1860 and to which this is affixed. By this Codicil, it is not my wish or intention in any way to alter, change, or in any way - to impair any part of my said Will except in such part or parts thereof as I may herein specially refer to.

With regard to my servant Man (Alexander) it is my wish and desire that he may be regarded as the joint property of my beloved wife and my adopted son James R. Burchett and that my said son be allowed to hire out the said servant from time to time, to collect his wages, and pay them over to the said servant to be used by him as he thinks proper so long as he makes a prudent and proper use of them. But if the said servant should be imprudent, and not observe proper economy in the use of his money, then my said son and my wife shall so controul his wages, as to provide a fund for his future support if he should ever become unable to procure a support from his labour. It is my wish that the said servant be permitted to select his person to whom he wishes to be hired, so long as he makes good and proper selection.

Secondly - Nothing in my Will is to be understood as impairing the right of my beloved wife to take such of my household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper, before and independent of a division of the residue of my Estate between herself and my adopted son James R. Burchett.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of September 1860

Witness
John McCauley
William B. Simmons
William McCauley

At Record September Cont 1860
The last Will and Testament of Jacob Murray deceased with a codicil thereto, was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law of the oath of John McCauley, and William B. Simmons subscribing witnesses thereto and themselves

the said Will and codicil are admitted to record
Teste
Johnston, Clerk

Edward Watts

Admonished by a late improper example in my own family of the uncertainty of human life, I, Edward Watts of the County of Rocker now do what in conscience I ought long ago to have done, namely make my last Will and Testament, and I hereby declare this instrument to be such, the same being altogether written by myself, and subscribed with my own hand.

In consideration of the sex and tender age of many of my children, and having the most unlimited confidence in my wife Elizabeth Breckinridge, and in her devotion to the interests and happiness of our children, I make the following provision and disposition to wit - To my said wife Elizabeth Breckinridge I give and devise my whole estate real and personal whereunto situated for her life, to be held and enjoyed by her as absolutely and freely during her life as if it were given to her in absolute right and fee simple - Upon trust, however, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, namely, for the fitting support, maintenance and education of our children so long as they remain together, and in the trust and confidence, moreover, that she will from time to time and to such extent as may be in her power, and she may deem proper, aid such as may require it with advance - ments of money or property - These aids as to time and amount I leave entirely to her discretion, well knowing that I may safely rely on it. I authorize and empower hereby last Will and Testament to make a final distribution of my estate among our children who shall survive her, or the descendants of those who shall be dead, and shall have left descendants, requiring only that the principle of equality as nearly as may be, shall be observed except in the instance therein directed it to be departed from, that is, I desire that the portion of my two sons, James and William, whatever they may be, shall be ten thousand dollars each less than those of my daughters. I make this distinction not because I love them less than my other children, but because their education has cost me more, and mainly because they are better fitted to win their way in the world than my daughters, for whose independence I am anxious to provide. In hereafter making any provision for any of my daughters, if my said wife should deem it proper and proper to make such a settlement of it as, may appear to them to be enjoyment, I fully authorize her to do so.

I foresee the difficulty that will occur in making an equal division among my children of my real estate, and to obviate it, if it be practicable, I authorize and empower