

the parson of the world, my desire is to have my body plain  
decently buried and all expences paid by my Executor  
hereafter named, 2<sup>nd</sup> If I outlive my wife Magdalene Garst  
I wish for her to be taken good care of and decently sup-  
ported out of my estate, and after her death for her to be  
decently buried and all expences paid by my executor  
hereafter named, 3<sup>rd</sup> I shall will nothing to my son Jacob H.  
Garst nor to my son Philip Garst for they have drawn  
their portion of my estate which is eleven hundred dollars  
to each, which is their portion in full also my daughter Elisabeth  
Hartman is to have no more, she has drawn her share in  
full which is eight hundred dollars which is her portion  
of my estate in full, I give and bequeath to my son Abraham  
Garst two hundred dollars which is his portion in full, I  
will nothing to my daughter Catharine Hartman at present  
for she has drawn five hundred dollars towards her portion  
I will nothing to my daughter Anna Clarke at present for  
she has drawn five hundred dollars towards her portion  
I will nothing to Rosena Winkle at present for she has  
drawn five hundred dollars towards her portion I give and  
bequeath to my son Nicholas Garst here two hundred dollars  
which is to be divided between his three children equal in full  
for which is their part of my estate in full, I will nothing to  
my son Christian Garst at present he has drawn four  
hundred & fifty dollars which is towards his portion of my  
estate I give and bequeath to my daughter Eve Shewey two hundred  
& sixty two dollars to make her even with the rest that got  
five hundred dollars each, I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Mary Lockett the plantation where she now live on containing  
fifty two acres lying on Murrys run joining the lands of James  
Shantz & John Shantz heirs, Mr Wm Wm Shantz heirs Coonross Millers  
lands &c to have and to hold the said lands and the appur-  
tenances thereto belonging during her life time and after  
her death then said lands shall fall back to her children  
for we see also what she has drawn from me two hundred  
& thirty seven dollars is what she is to give bequeath to my  
daughter Lydia Mason the plantation which she now  
lives on containing 30 acres joining the lands of Adam  
Shantz & others &c to have and to hold the said  
lands with all the pertinences thereto belonging during  
her life time and after her death the said lands shall  
fall back to the children of said Lydia Mason for each  
I will that after my death that my executor to pay all my  
burial expences and then my just debts if there be any and  
then the remainder of my estate I wish to have divided between  
Catharine Hartman and Christiane Alice Anna Clarke  
Rosena Winkle Christian Garst Eve Shewey Mary Lockett  
Lydia Mason which I want all of my daughters to have  
equally share alike of my estate and Christian Garst is

to come in with girl

Mary Lockett has got with lands and money \$770.00  
Lydia Mason has got with lands and money \$44.60  
Lastly I appoint my friends Christian Hantz & my grandson  
George T. Hartman whole sole and executors of my estate to the  
my last will and Testament and direct them for the faithfull  
Execution and discharge of the trust hereby imposed on them,  
In testimony whereof I have the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March Eighteen hundreds  
850 presents set and affixed my hands and seal hereby revoking  
all other wills made before,

In the presence of us

Chare Armstrong

Michael T. Hartman

Jacob H. Garst (seal)  
mark

At Roanoke March Court 1854, The last will and  
testament of Jacob Garst deceased was this day produced in  
Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Michael  
T. Hartman and Chare Armstrong subscribing witness  
thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

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J. Johnston clk.

Michael Trout.

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will book page 10

I Michel Trout of Roanoke County and State  
of Virginia, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of  
death but of sound mind and memory do make this my last  
will and testament in manner and form following to wit I  
direct that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid for that  
purpose I direct that all my personal estate be sold to and after  
my death as may be convenient I give unto my two sons, Alexander  
& Thompson my plantation which I now lead on containing one  
hundred and fifty nine acres be the same more or less at the price  
of thirty dollars per acre one thousand dollars to be paid in  
twelve months after my death the balance to be paid in four equal  
annual payments provided they should fail to pay for the land  
as above described then my executor hereinafter named shall sell  
the lands at public auction giving such time as he may think  
proper and in either of the above cases my executor is to make  
a title to the lands and I do direct that all my estate whether  
derived from the sale of my land personal property bonds or money  
in hand at my decease shall be equally divided between my children  
to the half of my daughter Margaret Grady I give her share that  
would be coming to her with this exception that the sum of one  
hundred and twenty six dollars and the interest on the same be  
taken out of her share to the children of John Trout deed I  
give her share that would be coming to her to be paid to them  
as the arises to the age of twenty one years to wit Noah Trout Harry  
Trout, David Trout, Alexander Trout Eliza Sloan Lucinda  
Trout, Anderson Trout and Thompson Trout equal share

for to carry this my last will into full effect I appoint  
my son no Lew Charles Sloan my executor in witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day  
of September anno thousand eight hundred and fifty three  
The interlining saw before, signing Buckle his Trout Seal  
David Sloan  
Christian Wertz

At Roanoke October Court 1853, The last  
will and testament of Michael Trout deceased was  
this day produced in Court and proved according to law  
by the oaths of David Sloan and Christian Wertz subscribing  
witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

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Teste F. Johnston C.

Wm Pettit.

I William Pettit of the County of Roanoke  
and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing  
memory but in feeble health do make and declare this to  
be my last will and testament. First, I direct all my just  
debt to be paid. To my belov'd wife Catharine I give all my  
estate of every description for and during the term of her  
natural life for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, namely  
for the support of herself and the maintenance and education  
of our three children and of my daughter Catharine or Kitty  
the issue of a former marriage, I direct that my said daughter  
Catharine, or Kitty shall remain in the family on the same terms  
as my three younger children be treated in the same way and  
that should she marry my wife may make her such reasonable  
advancements as she may have it in her power to make,  
should she die unmarried or under the age of twenty one  
years, I direct that all her interest in my estate revert to my  
other children, and whereas I have advanced to my married  
children by a former marriage money and property of unequal  
amounts namely to my son James twelve hundred dollars  
to my daughter Elizabeth & the wife of Berry Stoutsamire eight  
hundred fifty dollars and to my daughter Sarah Jane the wife  
of Thornton Frankly five hundred fifty and desire that my  
said children shall be made equal I direct that my wife  
shall as soon as she can do so without sacrifice of property pay  
either in money or such property as may be suitable, to the said  
Berry Stoutsamire and the said Thornton Frankly such an  
amount as shall make these advancements equal to that of  
my son James, regarding all my children with equal affection  
and wishing to make no distinctions between them I direct that  
at the death of my wife my estate shall be equally divided  
between all of them then living or the children of such as may  
have died, should they have left any, having regard to what

divided may have previously received, and wishing to guard against  
the possibility of any of my estate going to those not of my blood.  
I direct that if any of my children die under the age of twenty  
one years without leaving any interest he or she may have in my  
estate shall go to my other children who may then be living.  
Finally I appoint my wife Catharine my Executor and having  
implicit reliance on her fairness discretion and prudence I direct  
and desire that she may not be required to give any security  
in her bonds. In testimony that this is my last will and testament  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1854  
Signed sealed & acknowledged before  
me his last will & testament  
by William Pettit in our  
presence being called on by him  
to attest the same  
Edward Watts  
Abner Betty

Wm Pettit Seal

At Roanoke February Court 1854, this last will  
and testament of William Pettit dec'd was produced in Court  
and proved according to law by the oaths of Edward Watts  
and Abner Betty subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered  
to be recorded

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Teste F. Johnston C.

Thos Riffey.

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Riffey,  
of Roanoke County & state of Virginia, being of sound and  
disposing mind and body do make this to be my last  
will & testament as follows: That is to say, I desire that my  
body may be buried at the direction of my Executor, here-  
inafter named, and I direct that all my just debt be paid  
out of my estate as soon after my decease as may be convenient.  
First I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth two  
beds & beds clothing to suit one Beau thirteen Table covers  
two large & two small dishes, two sets plates and one cow.  
Second I will & bequeath to my son George one bed & bed  
clothing to suit thirteen Table covers one colt, one age, & one  
motive & one pair horse gear. Third I will & direct my executor  
to sell all my remaining property of every kind at public  
sale, to pay all my just debt out of the proceeds of sale & divide  
the remainder equally between my daughter soon to be put out at  
interest until they become of age, then to be paid over to them,  
& Fourth, I do hereby appoint Jacob C. Miller my Executor of  
this my last will & testament, In witness whereof I the said testator  
set my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1854

Thomas Riffey Seal  
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