

real and personal to have and to hold and manage to the best of her ability during the time she remains my dear widow
 2nd If my above named companion Anna ceases to remain my widow I give and bequeath to her one third of my whole estate both real & personal to have and to hold during her natural life, and the residue two thirds of my estate both personal & real is to be divided equally among my lawful heirs, and I do hereby appoint my dear wife Anna executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills made by me, and do hereby declare this present to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said testator James Riffey have to this my last will & testament set my hand and seal this the thirteenth day of December Eighteen hundred & Sixty two

James Riffey (Seal)
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Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the testator James Riffey as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Samuel Shewalter
 John Brubaker

At Ranch January Court 1863.

The last will & testament of James Riffey dec'd. was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the affirmations of John Brubaker and Samuel Shewalter subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded
 Clerk J. Johnston

Anna Doty I, Anna Doty of Ranch County Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of life do make the following as my last will and testament, revoking all others
 Item 1st After my death it is my will that my body be decently buried in Ranch County the grave yard on my plantation, and it is my will that said grave yard contain the body of sufficient size for an ordinary burial ground be reserved from my plantation, and a hole in trust by my son Smith Doty as a burial ground same having him with the right of ingress and egress on the part of such of my family they stamped as had right of burial there at any time
 Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Doty Twelve hundred dollars to be paid to her by my son Smith Doty as hereafter directed in consideration of a bequest to my said son, also two beds, and furniture two tables, all my table furniture or house at my death, six chairs, one clock, one cup board, one bedstead, my buggy and harness, and my barrel horse Bill, one cow of her own choice four hundred pounds of pork or its equivalent in Bacon, three pounds of flour, twenty five bushels of corn, twenty five pounds each sugar and coffee (these last mentioned articles not to be furnished during the present war or at any other than the customary prices) My said wife shall also be permitted to have the use of the three rooms of my dwelling house next to the kitchen, also the use of the kitchen and smoke house, as far as needful for her purposes, which use shall be continuous until my said son Smith Doty shall pay her the Twelve hundred dollars above mentioned, with the payment of which my said wife is to vacate the house and is to give full possession to my said son Smith Doty
 Item 3rd I bequeath to my son Smith Doty the plantation on which I reside and also a small piece or parcel of land lying near the Swallow Church, on the west side of the Spring Road, on the following terms and conditions - I have already given to my said son thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, out of which he is to pay my wife Margaret Doty the legacy of Twelve hundred dollars above mentioned, in three annual payments from the time of my death - I give him to be given of the plantation to my said son as soon after my death as practicable without disturbing the growing crops, but reserve to my wife the use of the portions of the house kitchen & smoke house as before mentioned, and also one square of the garden and use of such fruit as she may need, room in the stable for the horse bequeathed to her, and to keep feed for the same, also a lot for a cow to run in, and the said son is also to furnish her fire wood ready for use, and pasture for one horse and cow during her occupancy as aforesaid, - My said son Smith Doty is also to pay to my grand son Thornton Stranty, son of Jacob Stranty, five hundred dollars in three annual payments from the time of getting possession of the plantation, and furthermore if the remaining portion of my estate be not sufficient to pay the expenses of administration and all my just debts and the legacy herein mentioned, then my said son Smith Doty shall pay over to his joint executor a sum sufficient to pay the whole, If however there shall be a surplus in the hands of my executor from my other estate, it is my will that it be equally divided amongst my children in proportion to the amount herein after bequeathed to them reserving the portion coming to my daughter Lucy to the estate then in names, excepting my son Smith Doty who is to have no portion of my estate except the same hereinbefore bequeathed to him
 Item 4th In addition to what I have already given my son John M. Doty for which I have his bonds, I bequeath to him five hundred dollars to be paid him by my executor.
 Item 5th In addition to what I have already given Jacob Stranty, I bequeath to him fourteen hundred and eighty dollars to be paid him by my executor.
 Item 6th In addition to what I have already given Lucy Campbell I bequeath to him the sum of fourteen hundred and eighty dollars to be paid him by my executor.
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 Item 8th In addition to what I have already given my daughter Mary, who first married John Carwood, and afterwards Benjamin Harris, I give to the children of my said daughter Mary or their legal heirs the sum of fourteen hundred and eighty dollars.
 Item 9th In addition to what I have given to Black H. Campbell husband of my daughter Lucy, I give to my executor in trust fourteen hundred and eighty dollars, to be held by them as a separate estate for the use and benefit of my said daughter Lucy Campbell, and she is to have the right to dispose of the same by will or otherwise as she may think proper.
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which I reside (which is before mentioned and bequeaths to my son Smith Petty) also my personal estate of every kind, - the real estate to be sold on a credit of one two and three years from the day of date, and when the purchase money is all paid my Executors to make deeds of conveyance thereof. - Lastly I hereby appoint my son Smith Petty and Jacob Strong the executors of this my last Will and Testament. - Witness my hand and seal the 12th day of February 1863

Witness

J. Johnston
John Henry Sec.
G. W. Noble

Abner + Petty
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At Roanoke February Court 1863

The last Will & Testament of Abner Petty deceased was this day produced in Court and proved by the Oaths of Frederick Johnston and John Henry subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

Teste J. Johnston Clk.

Chas. L. Snyder. In the name of God amen. I Charles L. Snyder of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do make the following as my last Will and Testament, revoking all others

1. I direct that my Executors herein after named, pay all my just debts.

2. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary L. Snyder the following property in and the day of fee simple and to be used, controlled and disposed of according to her own wishes. Viz the Dwelling House and other improvements on the Lots now occupied by me as a residence, including the three lots, and all the furniture in and about the house, and One thousand dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors as soon after my death as may be convenient.

3. I give and bequeath to my said wife for and during her natural life the following Property and estate to wit: - All the lands formerly owned by my Father Henry Snyder lying north of the town of Salem - the town being four lots in all including that formerly occupied by my brother William Snyder. - A man servant named David, a woman servant named Cordelia and two of his Children Ed and Jeff. - and Five thousand dollars in money which is to be invested in some productive manner in the discretion of my executor and the interest or income to be paid to her annually or as she may require it. The foregoing bequest of the Farm to my wife contemplates her carrying on the same, which she may do either by employing some suitable person to carry it on in her name, or by renting it out. But in any event it is my will that a contract entered into between the Government and myself for the leasing of a thousand acres or more stipulated in the contract, be carried out and executed, and also that another contract with the government for the furnishing of five hundred acres of land be carried out and executed, reserving to my Executor the discretion given me in said contract to increase the quantity to two thousand acres or any

less number. The profits and proceeds of these two contracts are to form a part of my general estate, and go into the hands of my executor. In order to carry out these contracts it will be necessary and proper that all the provisions and implements of every kind necessary shall be kept for the use of the tannery and then employed in it, as well as for the use of my family. I also give to my wife the use for life of two work-horse engines, four horses & four good cows, and such other stock & farming implements as she may require either for or

4. While it is my general object and wish that all of my children shall share equally in my estate, yet as the younger ones will have to be raised, maintained and educated, as the older ones have been, and wishing to equalize them all as far as I can, it is my will that the sum of \$1500.⁰⁰ be added to the share of each of my three youngest children viz. Mary, Frank and Oliver S. - and \$1200.⁰⁰ each to Charles and Robert and \$800.⁰⁰ to Logan. These different sums my executor are authorized to expend upon them severally in their maintenance, and education without requiring them to account for the same in the final distribution of my estate. It is also my will that the expenses attending the education of my son William, should he remain at the Virginia Military Institute shall be paid out of my estate

5. Desiring to provide as far as I can for my children in the future, and especially in the present disturbed condition of the country, it is my will, that any money which may come into the hands of my executor after my death, be (for the present at least) invested in Real Estate leaving it to their discretion as to location, and terms of investment, and giving them a further discretion as to the subject of investment, if the circumstances of the country should make an investment in their or Confederate stocks or securities equally advisable, in their judgment. I vest the title to all of my real estate not otherwise disposed of, as well as any I may have bought and for which I have not received deeds, in my executor and any real estate they may hereafter purchase under this clause in my will shall be conveyed to and held by them as my Executors - and in case of the death of either one of my executors the survivor is authorized to hold such title and is further authorized to carry into effect all the provisions of my will.

6. It is my will, and I hereby authorize my executor as my children arrive at lawful age or marry, to advance to each of them such an amount in real or personal estate as they may think judicious and proper, having regard to the condition of my estate and to the equalizing of all of my said children

7. It is my will and I hereby authorize and direct my Executor at any time after my decease to sell my interest (one fifth) in the New Ridge Springs Company and convey the same to the purchaser

8. It is my will that there be no sale of my slave and other personal estate but that the same be kept together and hired out from year to year

9. I hereby appoint my friends Frederick Johnston and James H. Rennie Executors of this my last will and Testament

10. It is my will that my land, other than those herein devised to my wife during her life be rented out from year to year by my executors, at such terms as will be most likely to preserve their value

11. After the death of my wife it is my will that all of the estate real and personal, which I may own at my death and not otherwise disposed of, be equally divided amongst my children taking into consideration any advancements that may have been made to any of them - In this division and distribution it is my will that