

sister Elizabeth Woods twenty five dollars. (p. 35). 13th I give to my brother William Smith if he be alive at my death, if however my said brother William, shall not be alive at my death, then I desire that this bequest be equally divided between my residuary legatees, viz: my brothers, Absalom & John Smith, three hundred dollars, (\$300). 14th I desire that my Executor proceed to sell all my Estate (after my death), both real and personal, including the lands, negroes, and personal estate willed to one of my late husbands Joshua Burnett, and pay off all the foregoing cash legacies, and all other just claims against me, the expenses of executing this will &c. the remaining portion of my estate I give to my brothers John and Absalom Smith to be equally divided between them; 15th It is my will and desire that if my brothers John and Absalom can so arrange to have the cash legacies paid by the sale of my other property or otherwise that they purchase the negroes, themselves, as I desire that they shall not go out of the family. 16th Whereas, it is uncertain whether that portion of the lands on which I reside, containing the grave yard, where I wish to be buried, and where lie the remains of my late husband Joshua Burnett, will fall to my share in the division under my late husband's will, I desire if it does, not fall to my lot, that my Executor, purchase a title to said grave yard of the owner or owners, and have the same deeded in trust to my brothers John & Absalom Smith to be held sacred forever as a grave yard. If it does fall to my lot, I leave the said grave yard in trust to my aforesaid brothers, for the use of a grave yard forever. Lastly I do hereby revoke all other will or wills by me made & declare this to be my last will & testament, and hereby constitute and appoint my friend Edwin Bap Executor of the same, witness my signature and seal this seventh day September one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Witness
John Annen
William M. Fugue
Jacob Leonard

Whereas I Sarah Burnett of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have by my last will and testament in writing duly executed, bearing date 7th September 1854, given and bequeathed to my late brother John Smith, a certain portion of my estate, now I the said Sarah Burnett, being desirous, of altering my said will in respect to the said legacy, do therefore make this present writing, which I will and direct to be annexed as a Codicil, to my said will and taken as a part thereof, and I do hereby revoke the said legacy by my said will given to my said brother John Smith, and I do give unto the following persons in addition to what I have already bequeathed them in my said will - viz: Byrd Allen Robertson seventy five dollars to Sarah Knudell fifty dollars who is not mentioned

in my will, to Sarah. Doosing fifty dollars, to the children of Benjamin Fair by my niece Mary Lett fifty dollars, to Martha Smith fifty dollars to the children of Mily Gordon fifty dollars, to Sarah Reynolds fifty dollars, to William Woods fifty dollars, the remaining portion of my estate, after the legacies left in my will, & this codicil &c, I give to my brother Absalom Smith, and I do ratify and confirm my said will in every thing except where the same is, hereby revoked and altered as aforesaid, & I furthermore hereby revoke all of any codicil, or codicils, by me made at any time intended to be attached to this will, save this present writing; Witness my signature and seal this 7th day of December 1854

Signed sealed and published
by the said Sarah Burnett
of Roanoke, as and for a
Codicil to be added to, and
considered as a part of her
last will and testament in the
presence of us, who have subscribed
our names, in her presence.
Notes - the interlineations, between 5th & 6th
lines, 7th & 8th & 9th & 10 before signed
William M. Fugue
Joseph Leonard
Jacob Leonard

Sarah Burnett (seal)

At Roanoke December Court 1854. The last will, and testament of Sarah Burnett dec^d, was this day produced in Court, together with a Codicil thereto attached, and the said will was partly proved by the oath of Jacob Leonard a subscribing witness thereto, and continued for further proof. The said Codicil was also proved by the oaths of Jacob Leonard and Joseph Leonard, subscribing witnesses thereto, and also continued for further proof as to the will. And at Roanoke January Court 1855, the said last will and testament of Sarah Burnett deceased, with a codicil thereto attached, was again produced in Court and the said will and codicil, were further proved by the oath of William M. Fugue a subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded

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Teste J. Johnston Clk.

Ann A. Branch

I Ann A Branch of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do make public and declare this writing to be my last will, and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made, and first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life, and as to such worldly estate as it has

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please, God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my executor &c; I give to Laura A. Reed wife of Albert G. Reed my gold watch my gold spectacles, plate, and other jewelry I further give to the said Laura A. Reed the following slaves, to wit, Stephen Amant, Mariah, Francis, Rachel, old Tom, and Frank and their increase to be delivered to the said Laura A. Reed immediately after my decease to be owned held and disposed of by her as she may think proper & I hereby direct that all the money that may be due me at my decease arising from the hire of my negroes or that due by bond or or due me otherwise shall be collected immediately by my executor and that he purchase a gold watch worth one hundred dollars, and said watch be presented to August M. Reed, and the remainder of said money if there should be any I bequeath the same to Laura A. Reed I give to Ann W. Dennis, the following slaves, to wit, Leason and Harriet together with any increase of the said slaves, after the date of this will to her and her heirs forever, I also give to the said Ann W. Dennis, and August M. Reed the following slaves, to wit, Collin Sam Branch, Belina, Margaret and Caroline children of Amanda, and Little Tom together with any increase of the said slaves, after the date of this will, to them and their heirs forever subject to the following conditions; First, it is my will, that the said six slaves, last named and their increase, shall immediately after my decease be delivered to Laura A. Reed and held by her and left entirely discretionary with her when and at what time she shall deliver the said slaves, to the said Ann W. Dennis, and August M. Reed. Secondly, It is, further my will, that if the said Ann W. Dennis, die without issue then in that case at the decease of the said Ann W. Dennis, the one half of the last named six slaves, together with any increase of the said slaves after the date of this will, which shall have been assigned to the said Ann W. Dennis, and held by her during her lifetime, at her decease shall be immediately delivered to Laura A. Reed to be owned, held and disposed of by the said Laura A. Reed as she may think proper and to effectuate fully this my intention, I do hereby authorize my executors, and my esteemed friend Laura A. Reed, at the time when the said Laura A. Reed may think proper to deliver the said six slaves to the said Ann W. Dennis or August M. Reed, to divide and assign to the said Ann W. Dennis and August M. Reed, to each one their moiety in the said slaves, together with any increase of the said slaves, slave and slave like for the purposes and conditions aforesaid. I give to Doctor Albert G. Reed and Laura A. Reed his wife, all or any other property or any other estate of which I may die seized or possessed or may be entitled to, and I do hereby make and ordain Doct. Albert G. Reed Executor of this my Last Will and

Testament.

In witness whereof I Ann N. Branch have to this my will set my my hand and seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord 1853.
Ann N. Branch (Seal)

Signed sealed and published and declared by the above named Ann N. Branch as and for her last will and Testament in the presents of us who have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presents of the said Testator and in the presents of each other.

Joseph N. Hayth
Wm. Mc. Donnell

At Roanoke December Court 1854

This last will and Testament of Ann N. Branch deceased, was produced in Court and proved ^{according to law} by the oaths of Joseph Hayth and Wm. Mc. Donnell subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

J. Johnston. C

David Coffman. I David Coffman being of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will & Testament. In the first place I desire my Executors hereinafter named to pay all just debts that I may owe.

Second I give, and request my Executors to pay, to my daughters, Susan Owens, Mary M. Pammel, Leona J. Butt, Margaret Pammel, Lelia L. Dear, Palmy W. Butt, Elizabeth Butt, Francis W. Messers, Rhoda J. Coffman, Esther A. Coffman & Clarissa N. Coffman one dollar each.

Third. I give to my sons David M. and John M. Coffman, all the real and personal estate that I may be possessed of at my death, after paying the debts and expenses as above. And I require them to provide for and maintain comfortably, my wife Ann Elizabeth Coffman during her natural life, should she survive me.

Lastly I appoint my sons David and John Executors of this my will, & request that no security be required of them by the Court.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand seal this 12th day of March 1853.
David Coffman (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in our presence.

Henry Anderson
Lewis Ginkle
Wm. M. Cook

At Roanoke January Court 1855

The last will & Testament of David Coffman deceased, was produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Lewis Ginkle and William M. Cook, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

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Teste

J. Johnston. C