

At Roanoke March Court 1858
The last Will and Testament of Hannah Eatkin dead
was produced in Court and proved according to law by
the oath of Robert Eatkin and William Hall, subscribing
witnesses thereto, and ordered to be read.
Date *Johnston*

I, Betsey Read of the County of Roanoke in the State of
Virginia, being of sound mind do make and declare this my
last Will and Testament as follows.
1st It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid.
2^d All of my Estate of whatever kind it may be, which I may
own or be entitled to in any way at my death, I give, bequeath &
devise to my son David L. Read to him and his heirs forever.
3^d I hereby nominate and appoint my said son David L. Read,
Executor to this Will, and it is my Will and desire that as
security be given to him as such executor.
5th and lastly, I hereby revoke all other and former Wills, lastings
made by me.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my seal this 1st day of December 1857.
Betsey Read

Signe sealed & acknowledged
by W^m Betsey Read as her last Will
and Testament in our presence, all of us, being present at the
execution in the presence of the Testator, and subscribing
our names as witnesses in her presence and at her request this 1st
day of December 1857.

W^m Crump Jr

At Roanoke

At Roanoke May Court 1858 - The last Will & Testament
of W^m Betsey Read was this day produced in Court and proved
in part by the oath of W^m Crump Jr one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto, and is confirmed for further proof by the other subscribing
witnesses, William Crump Jr.

And at Roanoke October Court 1858, the last Will & Testament
of W^m Betsey Read was again produced in Court and further proved
by the oath of William Crump Jr one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto, and thereupon the said Will is ordered to be recorded.

And on the motion of David Read the Executor therein named
who made oath thereto, and entered into & acknowledged a Bond
in the penalty of \$10,000 (readily being required by the Court)
and with consenting assenting to law, he is permitted to qualify
as Executor of the said Betsey Read deceased.

A Copy from the Records of Court
Date *Johnston*

John Bonacks: On the name of God, amen - I, John Bonacks
of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being weak in
body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I
thank God - And, calling to mind the uncertainty of
human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such estate
as I may hereafter have to give in with, give and
bequeath the same in the manner following, that is to say -
1st I devise that all my just debts and funeral charges
be paid out of my personal effects.

2^d I bequeath to my beloved wife Susanna Bonacks
money five thousand dollars which shall be subject to her
control as far as in money to supply all her reasonable
wants during her natural life - and also so much of my
dwelling-house, kitchen, spring-house, Barn, and other outbuildings
as she may at any time desire to appropriate to her use; and
as much land around the house as she may wish not exceeding
twenty five acres, including the garden, orchard, &c. &c. which
is also to be subject to her control during her natural life
as far as her own use is concerned, but not so as to convey it to
any other person whatever. And also to have kept and furnished
with pasture and sufficient two cows and one horse bract of her
desire, it, and also as much grain as may be necessary for the
horse bract; and also a sufficient quantity of firewood hauled
to the house. All of which shall be subject to her control
as aforesaid, provided she remain my widow. But in case
she should marry again, the whole shall revert to my estate
except one thousand dollars in money. In case she do not
enter into a second marriage, then what is left of the above
bequest at her death shall be equally divided among my
children, subject however to the official provision herein of
made.

3^d It is my Will that all my real Estate in the Counties of Roanoke
- county and Roanoke including the Woolen Factory of Machine
shall be divided into five shares. (The part bequeathed to
my wife excepted) as near equal in value as can conveniently
be done, which shares may be described by numbers 1, 2,
4 and 5. Commencing with No 1 at the south end of my farm
that part upon which the factory is situated, and running Nor-
-ward on the West side of Hades Creek to No 2, No 3, No 4 ending
only the Church land - No 5 being on the opposite side of the
said Creek, and to embrace so much of that tract known
as the St. Clair tract as will be equal in value to each of
the other shares. If they cannot be laid off conveniently
so as to make them equal in value, then shares that are
worth more shall pay in money to those that are worth less
so as to make them equal. And all my timber land to
be divided in like manner into five lots equal in value
and attached to the other divisions, in the manner most
suitable and convenient so as to give each share holder