

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 year and three quarters 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
mark

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 case 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, according 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 with four.

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 arrived 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 slaves 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. Kennick Executors of this my last will and Testament.

10. It is my will that my lands, 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

My eldest son William if he desire to do so, shall be allowed to hold the plantation formerly owned by my father at a fair and just valuation 12th of good and bequest to my brother Henry J. Snyder, who is deaf and dumb, five hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executor.

10 Should it be necessary to sell any of my real estate in order to liquidate my children in the first division and distribution of my estate, I authorize my executor or the survivor of them to make such sale as may be necessary and convey to the purchaser.

Witness my hand and seal the 17th day of March 1863

C. L. Snyder (Sic)

witness
Jno. B. I. Logan
G. Hannah

1st Codex

I make the following as a Codicil to my Last Will and Testament —
In addition, to what I have in my said will given in for Dismals to my
wife, I give and bequeath to her in for Dismals my man servant Mardis
who has been a faithful servant to me, and for whom future comfort I
wish to provide. Witness my hand and seal the 24th day of March
1862

witness
 Jas. H. Griffin
 D. P. Mitchell

L. L. Snyder (Lial)

2^d Codicil

I Charles L. Snyder do make the following as a second Codicil to
 my last Will and Testament dated the 17th day of March 1863 and hereunto
 annexed. In order to enable my wife to Carry on the Tanning Property
 I give to her in full simply the further sum of four thousand dollars
 and for and during her Natural life I also give to her in addition to
 the Provision Contained in my will, two horses, and my two servants con-
 sidered in the Tanning viz. Rob and Casswell. And as it is my wish and
 direction that the Tanning and business Connected with it and also my
 plantation be Carried on for one year after my decease, I direct my ex-
 ecutors to pay the above named sum of four thousand dollars at the
 end of the year to my wife. My executors will be at liberty and
 they are fully Authorized to sell back of my Personal and perishable
 Estate as may remain on the plantation after taking out such things as
 may be needed by my wife. Should any question arise Connected with
 my estate about which my two executor named do not agree, I desire
 that they advise with my wife as to such questions, and that her opinion
 be regarded as Prevailing. Should either of my executors decline to act
 I appoint my friend George Hannah my executor in his place
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Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of March 1863

Witn:
G. Hannah
R. S. Mitchell

C. L. Snyder (Seal)

"St. Roanoke April Coast 1863"

The last Will and Testament of Charles D. Snyder deceased was produced in Court together with two Codicils thereto attached - and proved according to law by the Oaths of John B. Ligon, George Hannah, Schmitt, Griffin

and D. P. Mitchell Subscribing copies thereof, and is ordered to be recorded
Dated. St. Johnston Bk.

Mrs. Lunsford. D. Thomas Lunsford of the County of Kanawha and State of Virginia
 do make and publish this my last will and Testament, fully recollecting and
 making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And
 first I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral
 be conducted in a modest corresponding with my Estate & situation in life
 And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased 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 comes to the hands of my Executor hereafter named
 and from any portion of my Estate real or personal. I also direct that
 my three Children to wit, Matilda, Samuel and Virginia Cathkins, who
 have been afflicted with blindness that they shall have a comfortable
 support out of my Estate during their lifetimes and in case the above named
 Children or either of them shall be living at the time of my decease my will
 is, and so hereby appoint that my dear wife shall have the guardianship of
 them during their lifetime or so long as she shall continue to be my widow
 and in case of her death or marriage, then I will and appoint that my
 much esteemed friends, Eben Nelsons and my son Charles Lunsford shall
 have the Guardianship of them during the remainder of their life time
 and in order to carry into execution my will as above expressed respecting the
 support of the above named blind Children - I do hereby and appoint that
 my dear wife shall have all of my houses hold and kitchen furnitures all
 my stock of every kind to wit twice head of horses 28 head of Cattle
 24 Sheep and one hundred hogs, and also all my Negroes to wit, Michael,
 Rachel, Mary Ann, Fanny, Mary Jo, Martha, Lewis, Spencer, Everett, George,
 Daniel, Dick, Jerry, Jim, Angeline, Esther, Buck, B. Ellen, and also the
 plantation on which I now reside & all the appurtenances thereunto belong-
 ing, and also the Wagon & the gear, and all the farming utensils of
 every kind, and all the grain, bread stuff, and meat which may be on
 the plantation, for the support of the family, also the grain which be
 growing, and the hay & other forage, all the above named articles
 with the said plantation and also the above named Negroes shall
 be and remain the absolute property of my beloved wife, during
 her life time, if she shall be living at the time of my decease, but
 if she shall not survive me, or should marry - then I will and
 appoint that my much esteemed friends Eben Nelsons and my son
 Charles Lunsford shall exercise the said guardianship for the said
 three blind Children, and the surplus proceeds (if any there be) arising
 from the labors of the above named Negroes in the cultivation of the
 above named plantation, and the increase of the above named stock
 and the said Eben Nelsons & Charles Lunsford are hereby directed
 to divide the said surplus equally between the remainder of my
 Children, Thomas & Sarah alike, and the share of my real and per-
 sonal Estate then bequeathed to my wife to be in lieu of