

shall have be left than that of his sisters, and desire that the rule of perfect equality be observed as to all. This is a part of the above Codicil and written at the same time. *Edw. Watts.*

3^d Codicil

I Edward Watts of the County of Roanoke do make and declare this to be another Codicil to my last Will and Testament, the same being altogether written and subscribed by myself. - Not considering it probable that my daughter Letitia G. the wife of S. Landon Rags will ever have offspring, and not wishing that any of my property shall go to those not of my blood, and for other to me sufficient reasons, I expressly direct that whatever property of any kind that may fall to the share of my said daughter after my death, as her portion of my estate shall be strictly settled in such a way as to ensure to her exclusive benefit, and so secure that should she die without heirs of her body, the same shall revert to my other children or their heirs, should any have departed this life leaving issue, and that in equal proportions. In testimony that this is a part of my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at this 26th day of October 1852. *Edw. Watts* (Seal)

4th Codicil

I Edward Watts of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do make this I trust the last Codicil to my Will and Testament. I revoke the power to sell my Estate during the life time of my wife, except by consent and under a decree of Court except as is mentioned hereafter. After the death of my Wife, I authorize and empower my Executors to sell all my estate real and personal, the proceeds to be divided among my children so as to make as near an approximation to equality as practicable. In the sale of the slaves, care will be taken I trust to break up few family ties as possible, and my children I hope will divide our domestic servants among them, and make some comfortable provision for the infirm. I am satisfied that if not more, there will soon be from the rates of interest, more servants on my land than can be profitably employed, a comfortably supported I therefore authorize my Executors at their discretion to sell any number which may be right in their estimation, taking care to leave a sufficient amount of labour on the land, as well as to invest the proceeds, in such to be hired by my wife for my life, or with her agent to be divided among my daughters. I repeat the direction that whatever of either money or property is advanced to my daughter Letitia, or may come to her on the final settlement of my estate, shall be strictly settled on her, until her former Coventures may have ceased, in which case she shall stand on the same footing as my other daughter. All advancements made be taken at their value then made. Written and signed in my own hand this

12th day of July 1859

Edw. Watts

At Roanoke August Court 1859.

The last Will and Testament of Edward Watts deceased was this day produced in Court together with four Codicils thereto attached, and it having been proved by the oaths of Frederick Johnston and Charles W. Russell that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Edward Watts, and that the said Will and Codicils, and wholly in his handwriting, the same are admitted to probate as his last Will and Testament. And on the motion of Elizabeth B. Watts the Executrix, and William Watts one of the Executors therein named, who made oaths thereto and entered into bond in the penalty of \$150,000 with conditions according to law, (they being not required by the said Will to give Security) they are appointed Executors and Executrix of the said Edward Watts deceased, and leave is given to James P. Holcomb another Executor named in said Will hereafter to qualify if he should choose to do so.

Attest from the Record of Court
F. Johnston Clerk

C. O. White

I C. O. White of Roanoke County do make the following as my last Will and Testament. - First - To my wife Nancy P. White I give the whole of my Estate both real and personal in the County of Roanoke during her natural life, and after her death to be divided as follows - One half of my servants I give to my P. wife to dispose of as she may wish.

I lastly will and desire that all the rest of my property both real & personal of what nature or kind soever it may be, after the payment of my just debts, be equally divided between John Phillips, Mary Green, and Thomas H. Dillay, son of Nathan P. Dillay, to them and their heirs forever. I appoint George W. Shanky my Executor. I revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of August 1840. *C. O. White* (Seal)

At Roanoke December Court 1859.

A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Chelina O. White deceased was this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of Charles L. Snyder and Benson Pitzer that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said Chelina O. White, and the said paper and the signature thereto, and wholly

hand writing of the said Charles O. White, and thereupon it is admitted to probate as his last Will and Testament and George W. Shank, the Executor therein named having been in Court declared to qualify as such, and Mr. Henry P. White the Widow of the said Charles O. White, having signified to the Court her desire that Frederick Johnston should be appointed Administrator with the Will annexed of said Charles O. White he is appointed as such accordingly, and thereupon he makes oath to the Court, and with B. Pitzer and George W. Shank, as his securities, enters into and acknowledges a bond in the Penalty of \$25,000, with conditions according to law.

Attest from the Record of Court - Teste *F. Johnston Clerk*

Roanoke County, Va.
Nester Eakin.

I, Nester Eakin do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses.

1. I give to my sister Mary and her husband Mark B. Sepler all of my household and kitchen furniture of every description
2. I give to Susanate Painter wife of Bartley Painter all of my wearing apparel
3. I give to Redmon Eakin my brother, Mary Sepler and Mark B. Sepler her husband, all money or real Estate that I may have or in any way be coming to me, to be equally divided in two equal shares

And I do hereby appoint my brother Redmon Eakin my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and security be given whom I give under my hand and seal this 14th day of January 1860

Signed in the presence of
William J. Alexander
John Deeds

Nester Eakin
Mark B. Sepler

At Roanoke April Court 1860

The last Will and Testament of Nester Eakin do was produced in Court and found according to law by the order of W. J. Alexander and John Deeds, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

Attest from the Record of Court - Teste *F. Johnston Clerk*

William L. Walton of Roanoke County, Virginia, do make the following as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

1. It is my Will, and I hereby direct, that all my Estate be kept together in its present condition until my son Henry Walton becomes of age, which will be in February 1863. Should I die before that time, it is my will that my Executor see his desire to having a sale immediately upon Henry's arriving of age, or postponing it until the fall after that next birth place. In the mean time, I wish no inventory to be made, and in order to discharge my indebtedness to the Exchange Bank, (which is the only debt I owe of any considerable amount) I wish my Executor to apply any sums he may receive from my Savings Bank Stock, or from debts due me from other sources, as a to obviate the necessity of selling any property.
2. At the expiration of the time above referred to, I hereby direct and authorize my Executor to sell all of my Estate real and personal, and for this purpose he is hereby empowered to convey the Real Estate to the purchaser.
3. The proceeds of the sale of my Estate, and of any money due me from any other source, I wish to be disposed of as follows - To my daughter Kate, I give and bequeath four thousand dollars - To my son Henry L. Walton four thousand dollars. To my wife Fanny, I give and bequeath two thousand dollars, and a home and competent support at my house until a sale shall take place. If my daughter Kate desires to continue at my present home, it is also my desire that she shall be allowed a competent support until the sale of my property.
4. With the view of enabling my grand-daughter Leticia Cooke to complete her education, I direct my Executor to appropriate such sum annually as may be necessary for that purpose, not to exceed in the whole one thousand dollars.
5. I wish the five share of stock in the Exchange Bank transferred to me of my collections, to be held by my Executor, and the dividends thereon to be applied as for as they will go towards paying my sister Malinda Craig, legacy of \$50. per annum to the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. When the long-quit payment to this object has been made I wish and direct my Executor to transfer the said stock to my grand-daughter Mary Rice, which I hereby give and bequeath to her.
6. The residue of my Estate of every kind whatever after the payment of my debts and the legacies above named, I direct to be equally divided among my seven children viz William, James, Saml, Henry, John, Martha and Kate. It is my wish, however, that