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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 presence of us who have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence 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.

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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.

A Copy from the record of Court

Teste

J. Johnston. C