

Frances A. Deaton to him and his heirs forever, with the exception of fifty dollars which he is to pay over to the American Board of Foreign Missions as a donation from me to that cause; Lastly I constitute & appoint my step-son Francis A. Deaton, Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made; In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 7th day of December in the year of Lord Eighteen hundred forty eight

Francis Deaton (Real)

in the presence of, The words "Life time" on the first interlined before signing

M. Pitger
Wm. S. Snider

At Roanoke. February Court 1849: This Last Will & Testament of Francis Deaton dec^d was this day produced in Court, and proved in part by the oath of William T. Snyder, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and continued for further proof by Madison Pitger, the other subscribing witness; And at Roanoke, March Court 1849, This Last Will & Testament of Francis Deaton dec^d was further proved by the oath of Madison Pitger the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Heste

F. Johnston

At Roanoke, April Court 1849 - On Motion of Francis A. Deaton the Executor named in the last Will & Testament of Francis Deaton dec^d which was admitted to record at the last Term, who made oath thereto, and together with John W. Day his security entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$3000 conditioned as the Law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form

Heste

F. Johnston

Sarah Muse

In the name of God, Amen; I Sarah Muse of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being reminded of the uncertainty of life, but wishing to dispose of my earthly Estate, and being of sound mind & disposing memory do hereby make this my last Will & Testament, revoking all others heretofore made; After the payment of all my just debts, if any such there be outstanding, and the payment of such expense as will be necessary to give my body decent interment, I hereby give, and bequeath unto my step grand son Thomas P. Muse, of Roanoke County, all my property of every description, both real & personal, including as well that now in my possession, as that which may be coming to from the Estate of my deceased Sister Elizabeth Nevers in the County of Lancaster or Northumberland

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal this 14th day of July 1845

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of } Sarah Muse

Elijah S. McClanahan
Wm. Muse

At Roanoke August Court 1849, The last Will & Testament of Sarah Muse dec^d was this day produced in Court, and proved by the oath of William Muse and Elijah S. McClanahan, witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded, And on the Motion of Thomas P. Muse, who made oath thereto, and together with William Muse and Elijah S. McClanahan his security, entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$1000, with condition according to Law, a certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration with the Will annexed upon the Estate of the said Sarah Muse dec^d in due form

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David Gish Sr.

In the name of God, Amen, I David Gish Senior of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say: 1st I desire that my just debts & funeral expence be paid out of my Estate, 2nd I give to my daughter Elizabeth Stoner the wife of John Stoner Two Thousand dollars which she has received & now have the use of; and at my death it is my will and desire that my said daughter receive five hundred dollars more making with the two thousand dollars advanced in my life time the sum of Two Thousand five hundred dollars her portion of my Estate. 3rd I give to my daughter Esannah Kettinger Two thousand three hundred fifty dollars which she has received & now have the use of; and at my death it is my will & desire that my said daughter receive one hundred fifty dollars now making with the two thousand three hundred fifty dollars the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars her portion of my Estate. 4th I give to my son David Gish Two thousand Three hundred dollars which he has received and now have the use of making his portion in my Estate. 5th I give to my son John Gish Two thousand Three hundred dollars advanced to my said son in my life time, and my Executors hereinafter named with expence my account book of advancements made in my lifetime for the sum advanced to my said son which is in full of his portion of my Estate. 6th After the payment of my debts & funeral expence and the legacy to my two daughters to make their portion equal with my two sons I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Gish one third of my Estate remaining both real & personal during her natural life and it is my will & desire as long as my wife remain a widow that she shall manage my home place Negro stock & crops bonds money & accounts for the benefit of my said wife & the education of my son George & my daughter Mary Eliza until they arrive of age. Should my wife live that long a widow. Should my wife be living on my children George & Mary Eliza arriving at age then a division shall take place between my wife and my son and daughter of my real & personal. 7th To my son George Gish & my daughter Mary Eliza Gish I will and bequeath four Negroes; Tom, Beely, Faley Mary with their future increase and at the death of my wife the third of my personal

estate taken by my wife what is left after her comfortable support and maintenance shall go to my said son George & my daughter Mary Eliza to be equally divided between them. I will & bequeath to my son George Rish & my daughter Mary Eliza Rish and to the children of my said son George. The children of my said daughter Mary Eliza, the tract of land on which I reside containing two hundred & twenty four acres with the improvements: The said tract of Land is to be valued and my son George is to have in his portion one thousand dollars more laid off to him than my said daughter. 8th It is my will & desire that should my son George or my daughter Mary Eliza depart this life without heirs of this body then and in that event the surviving child or his surviving heirs shall inherit the portion devised my said son & daughter and all my property devised my wife & my son and daughter shall go the child surviving should the one dying having left no issue. 9th The lands devised my wife & my son & daughter it is my will and desire that no lands be cleared for raising Tobacco but every care taken to preserve the timber on the lands using no more than what may be necessary for said timber & fire woods and should said farm ever be rented no Tobacco to be raised on the place but rented in such a way that the lands may improve instead of being worn out by hard cultivation; And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Polly Rish Executrix and William Preston Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of November in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred & Forty One, signed sealed published & declared by David Rish at and for his last will & testament in the presence and hearing of us, who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses
 Jno W Thompson
 Gideon Peter
 Robt H Calhoun

Whereas I David Rish son of Roanoke County & State of Virginia having made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date on the 17th day of November in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred & forty one. Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will & direct the same to be annexed thereto, and taken as part thereof; And I do hereby give bequest and devise to my son George Rish a Negro boy named George, in addition to what I devised my said son George Rish in my will, the said Negro boy George, is to be under the control of my wife, should she remain my widow until my son arrives to the age of twenty one, or marry, which ever may happen first, To my daughter Mary Eliza Rish I give devise & bequeath a Negro boy named Bob, the said Negro boy Bob is to be under the control of my wife should she remain my widow until my daughter Mary or arrive to the age of twenty one, should my son George Rish or my daughter Mary Eliza Rish depart this life before the time

mentioned that they should come in possession of the said Negroes without having a heir or heirs then and in that event the surviving child shall have the two Negro boys George & Bob, and shall go to the surviving child to be his or her property forever, I give & devise the said Negroes George & Bob in addition to what I have devised my said children George Rish & Mary Eliza Rish in my will; I do hereby appoint my Friends Nathan P. Dick in addition to my wife Polly Rish Executrix & Wm Preston Executor as one of my executors to my will & the Codicil to my will, my wife Polly Rish Executrix Wm Preston & Nathan P. Dick Executors to my will and the Codicil to my will. In witness whereof I the said David Rish son of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia do hereby set my hand & seal this 11th day of October one thousand eight hundred & Forty Four signed sealed & published by the said David Rish son of Roanoke County as and for a Codicil to be added to and be considered as a part of his last will & Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in his presence
 "The words date in the 8th line of the Codicil interlined before signed"
 Jno W Thompson
 John Thrasher

Whereas I David Rish son of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 17th day of November in the year 1841, and by a Codicil heretofore attached to my last will and testament in writing bearing date on the 11th day of October in the year 1844, Now in addition to the Codicil heretofore attached to my will, I do hereby declare this present writing to be a Codicil to my last will & Testament in addition to the Codicil heretofore attached & annexed to my said will; and direct the present Codicil to be attached and annexed to my last will and testament and taken as part thereof; and I do hereby revoke and change that part of my will in the 8th clause, where I devise that my daughter Elizabeth Stoner shall receive five hundred dollars at my death to make her portion two thousand five hundred dollars having paid the said five hundred dollars to John Stoner the husband of my said daughter in full of her share in my estate real & personal I do hereby cancel and revoke the said devise to my said daughter or her heirs having paid the same making the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars the sum received as my said daughter's portion in my estate real & personal and my said daughter or her heirs is to receive no more of my estate real or personal. It is my further will and desire that the Lands on which I reside devised in the 1st section of my will to my son George Rish and my daughter Mary Eliza Rish that part of my will which says my son George shall in the division of said land receive one thousand dollars more than my daughter be changed - And it is my will & desire and I do direct that the division of the land devised my said son & daughter when made shall be equal share & share alike & shall be enjoyed and decended to each of them equal as before mentioned to my said son George Rish & my daughter Mary Eliza Rish the said land on which I reside containing two

David Rish (read)

see 1st & 2^d codicils

Henry's Testament
March 1849
for 1.8 Thompson's Testament & Codicil in the presence of

hundreds & Twenty four acres be the same more or less to them & their heirs forever as heretofore directed in my will. In witness whereof to this present writing which I hereby declare to be an additional Codicil to my last will & Testament bearing date the 17th November in the year 1841, and a Codicil heretofore attached to my will in writing bearing date the 11th day of October in the year 1844. And I do hereby declare this present writing to be an additional Codicil to my last will & Testament and the Codicil heretofore annexed to my will, and which I direct to be added thereto and taken as part thereof; In witness whereof I have set my hands and seal this 19th day of June in the year one Thousand Eight hundred & forty six Signed sealed published & declared by the said David ^{his} David X Risk not Seal Risk sent as an additional codicil to his last will & Testament

At Roanoke March Court 1849; The last will & Testament of David Risk sent deceased was this day produced in Court, together with two Codicils thereto appended, the first dated the 11th day of October 1844, the second dated 19th June 1846; and the said will was proved by Lideon Jeter one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It was also proved to the satisfaction of the Court, that John W. Thompson, another subscribing witness thereto, is dead, and that his signature to the said will was in his own proper handwriting. The said first Codicil to the said will was also proved by the oath of John Thrasher, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; and it was also proved to the satisfaction of the Court, that the signature of the said John W. Thompson, above named, as a witness to said Codicil, was in the proper handwriting of the said Thompson; It was also proved to the satisfaction of the Court, that the signature of the said John W. Thompson, whose name appears to the second Codicil above named, as a witness thereto, was in his own proper handwriting. And thereupon the said will and first named Codicil were ordered to be recorded; and the said second Codicil was continued until the next Term for further proof thereof. In the motion to admit said will and Codicil, to probat being opposed by David Risk Jr but the Court overruling his objection thereto; At Roanoke, April Term 1849 the said second Codicil was again continued until the next Court.

At Roanoke May Court 1849, The last will and Testament of David Risk sent deceased, together with the first Codicil thereto, having been admitted to record on sufficient proof at the March Term last, and the 2d Codicil thereto, having been partly proved at the same time and continued for further proof, and again continued at the April Term, the said second Codicil was this day further proved by the oath of Henry Burnett a witness thereto, and is thereupon ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of Polly Risk, the Executrix in said will named, (Wm P. Preston, the Executor therein named, declining to qualify) who made oath thereto and together with Wm P. Preston and Henry H. Chapman her securities, entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 conditioned according to Law, a certificate is therefore granted the said Polly Risk for obtaining a probat of said will and Codicils in due form

A Copy from the orders of Court

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J. Johnston, Clk

Rebecca Ledgerwood

In the name of God Amen; I Rebecca Ledgerwood of the County of Montgomery the state of Virginia, giving glad and infirm and well knowing the uncertainty of this life therefore make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say, I give and bequeath to my nephew William Hall and his wife Nancy Hall, for the kind and attention they have in time past shown me on all occasions; all the real and personal estate that I may be possessed with at my death and also at the death of my two sisters Margaret Ledgerwoods & Mary Ledgerwoods reserving to my brother William Ledgerwood ten dollars & to his daughter Nancy Ledgerwoods a new saddle and bridle, the land is not to be sold without the consent of his wife Nancy; It is my desire the line between Wm Ledgerwood & Rebecca, is to begin at a large white oak near McEntine, line running across to an Elm at the lower end of Rebecca, meadow thence to two white oaks near Woodings line I further direct that my sister Mary is to have her living and lifetime on the place, and the privilege of keeping of two cows also food for them, to be furnished by the sd Hall. I further direct that my sister Mary is to have a piece of land for a garden, and the one fourth of the place that is raised, my desire is that if I shall your sister behave herself and conducts herself well she is to stay with her mother on the place as long as she pleases, I do hereby constitute and appoint my neighbour Jacob Wooding Jr. Executor of this my last will and Testament revoking all other wills and Testament heretofore by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hands and after my seal this 20th day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty four signed sealed published and declared for the last will and Testament of the above named Rebecca Ledgerwoods in presence of

Eliza Thomas
William Dossing
Absalom Woods

At Roanoke August Court 1849. This last will & Testament of Rebecca Ledgerwoods decd. was proved by the oaths of Wm Dossing and Absalom Woods witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

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J. Johnston

Wm Hall Senr.

I William Hall senr. of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. and first I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground on my own place and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to such worldly estate as I have pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows, first I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executor from any portions of my estate real or personal, also I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement