

beneficiaries under the said will, J. E. Peppers is permitted to qualify as administrator, with the will annexed of the estate of the said Mrs. Jane B. Hunt deceased, and thereupon the said J. E. Peppers, together with ~~Mrs. Virginia M. Mellick~~ and Mrs. L. L. Thomas, his surety, who severally qualified as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$500, conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

A true copy from the records of Court,

Dated: Shortt, Preston D.C.

Elijah Poage

I, Elijah Poage of the County of Roanoke and state of Virginia, do make this this as my ~~last~~ will and testament

Item first it is my will that my wife Mary M. Poage shall have all my ~~real~~ estate, both real and personal of whatever character during her life.

Item 2nd I hereby give to my three Brothers George Poage, Joseph Poage and John Poage, five dollars each which shall be paid to them by my hereafter named Executor - two years after my death, which shall be in full of what they shall receive of my estate.

Item 3rd I hereby direct my hereafter named Executor to sell my Saw Mill + Water Grist Mill together with the land embraced in the following liens: Beginning at a Spring on the South side of Back Creek and near the Bent Mountain and Jacksonville Turnpike Road and running from thence up the Back Creek to the north corner of my mill dam - thence with the waters of the dam to a ford known as Kittingers - on Back Creek - here crossing the said Creek - to a Sycamore tree on the north side of said Creek, said Sycamore tree being double, and standing in a field, thence east to embrace a stable - and running north of said stable ten feet to a point east of said stable - ten feet, thence south to said spring - to the beginning - said last line to be run as to leave a blacksmith shop without this said lot of land which is to be sold with said mills - It being my wish that said shop shall remain as part of my main tract of land. It being my wish and will to set apart this property to be sold by my Executors, only in the event that at such time as my death may take place - that I may leave debts unpaid as would require the sale of some portion of my property to pay said debts, and believing that the interest of my wife in such event would be promoted by the sale of my mill property - rather than my tract of land. But should my wife prefer after my death - to keep the said mill property and pay off any debts that may be owing by me, she is authorized to do so, and in that event, it is my will that she have said mill property - for & during her life - It is my will that the Spring which is hereing mentioned as the beginning point of the corner of the land to be sold with my mills, shall be in common for the use of such person or persons as may

hereafter purchase said mills & lands laid off with the same and also to be ~~used~~ by my said wife and such other persons as may hereafter own my home place. But in event my wife should so desire it is my will that she shall have the exclusive right to the present Spring house standing over said Spring.

Item 4th. It is further my will and I hereby give to my said wife forty acres of land on the east end of my farm, and what is known as the ~~Smith~~ tract of land, to her my said wife in fee simple to dispose of as she may see proper.

Item 5th. It is further my will to give whatever may remain of my estate after the death of my said wife to my two friends Wm. E. Grice & Charles Poage, to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Mary M. Poage Executrix of this my will. Given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of June 1874.

Elijah Poage *E.P.*

• Acknowledged in our presence as and for the will of Elijah Poage, said Poage having signed and acknowledged the same in our presence, and desired us to sign the same as witnesses, which we did in his presence, and in the presence of each other, this the 26th day of June 1874.

St. A. Edmundson

• Lewis St. Arthur

• Benjamin J. Harris

• (At a County Court held in and for the County of Roanoke, at the Court House thereof, March 19th 1900.)

Elijah Poage

The last will and testament of Elijah Poage deceased, was this day produced in Court, & thereupon Lewis St. Arthur the surviving subscribing witness thereto was sworn, and testified that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory when said Will was made, and that the said Will was signed by the testator, Elijah Poage in the presence of himself, St. A. Edmundson and Benjamin J. Harris, the other subscribing witnesses thereto, all being present at the same time, and that the said St. A. Edmundson Benjamin J. Harris and himself all subscribed the said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator, Elijah Poage, and in the presence of each other, and thereupon it was ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of Elijah Poage deceased.

And upon the motion of Mrs Mary M. Poage, widow of said Elijah Poage deceased named in said will as Executrix, she was this day permitted to qualify as such Executrix with the will annexed of the estate of the said Elijah Poage deceased, and thereupon, the said Mrs Mary M. Poage, together with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, entered into, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000. conditioned as

ding to law. Certificate is granted herfor obtaining a probate of said will in due form.

A true Copy from the records of Roanoke County Court,
 Teste: Thos D. Brant D.C.

At a County Court begun and held in and for the County
 Court of Roanoke ~~County~~ at the Court House thereof, April 16th 1900.

In the name of God amen.

John A. Spessard. I John A. Spessard, being of sound mind, and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament.

1st I hereby appoint Allen M. Spessard my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my will.

2nd After my just debts are paid, if any I owe at the time of my death, I give and bequeath to my brothers Allen M. Spessard and Michael L. Spessard, my entire estate, both real and personal, to be divided equally between them.

Given under my hand and seal this the 11th day of May 1895.

John A. Spessard *JAS*

Signed in the presence of
 Jas A. Spessard and in each
 others presence

W W Brand }
 R B Brand } Witnesses

The last will and testament of John A. Spessard deceased, was this day produced in Court, and thereupon W W Brand one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, was sworn, and testified that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory when said will was made, and that the said will was signed by the testator, John A. Spessard in the presence of himself & R B Brand, the other subscribing witness thereto, all being present at the same time, and that the said R B Brand & himself signed the said will as witnesses in the presence of the testator John A. Spessard, and in the presence of each other, and thereupon it was ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of John A. Spessard deceased.