

as I have the most implicit confidence in him and do not wish him restricted, and when around up to make the
in the Clerk's Office following distribution of the same. 1st I will David O
of Roanoke County, Shanks, the same above mentioned. One Fourth of the entire
Estate, the 1st day of Estate.

2nd I will to each of my sisters Susan Shanks, Elizabeth Lea, Ann Earnest, Lucy Johnston widow of my brother William
October 1867, the same having been of five thousand dollars each. I will the balance of my
Estate be divided between my nephews and nieces that may
by C. B. Johnston them be placed in such a situation that they cannot control the
of the 5th Dist. same for their support, then I wish the amt. may be so placed
of 1st on the 31st day as to go to their support. As the business is a very large
one and will take time to wind it up. I do not wish S. O.
Shanks to be restricted in any way. Any one or more of the heirs
complaining he shall not receive any portion of the estate. Nor
shall any heir be allowed to sell his interest in the Estate
but shall wait the distribution. Owing to the immensity of the
business that will devolve upon S. O. Shanks he shall receive a
compensation for the same, that to be left to Commercial men as
they are acquainted with such matters. But should any thing
occur that it would be necessary for to administer upon my estate
in that event I hereby appoint S. O. Shanks and clothe him
with as full power to do as was possible without giving security in the Bond.

I wish the remains of my beloved brother George W. Johnston
to whom I was greatly attached be removed to the family burying
ground in Virginia and a suitable monument erected to his memory
regardless of expense. As witness my hand and seal this the
31st June 1863

By J. H. Johnston (seal)

Virginia. — At a Court held for the county
of Roanoke on the 27th day of October 1863. A paper purporting
to be the last Will & Testament of Joseph H. Johnston did, was
this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of Jonathan
George W. Shanks and Frederick Johnston, that they are
acquainted with the handwriting of the said Joseph H. Johnston
did, and that the said paper bears annexed and the signature
thrusts, and wholly in the handwriting of the said Joseph H. Johnston
did, and therefore the said paper is admitted to probate — as the
last will & Testament of Joseph H. Johnston. And David C.
Shanks, the Executor therein named who made oath thereto (in
security being required of him) entered into and acknowledged a bond
in the penalty of One Hundred Thousand Dollars with condition
according to law — and certificate is granted him to obtain letters of
administration in due form — Leave is also granted him to both
draw the original Will after the same shall have been recorded
Teste

J. H. Johnston Clerk

Elizabeth C. J. Elizabeth C. Proving of the County of Roanoke, being of sound
mind and disposing memory, and being desirous to dispose of such estate
as I am the owner and possessor of, do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament.

This Will exhibited
in the Clerk's Office of
Roanoke County Court
on the 1st day of October 1867
the same having been
duly stamped, cannot
be annulled or the penalty re-
mitted by the Court of the
County of 5th Dist. of Va.
on the 31st July 1867.
J. H. Johnston
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1st It is my wish and desire that all my just debts shall be paid.
2nd Is my sister Sophia W. P. Farrell I devise and bequeath during
his natural life all the estate both real and personal of which I may
be possessed, except such money, bonds, or debts as may be due and
due at the time of my death, which money, bonds or debts due, I wish
shall be appropriated by my said sister Sophia, to the proper educa-
tion of my grandson Wm. H. Roberts — and should the said Wm. H.
die before he becomes 21 years of age, and the fund herein ap-
pointed is not exhausted I wish my sister Sophia to appropriate said
fund, equally for the education of the education of the children of
my son Wm. H. Roberts.

3rd After the death of my said sister Sophia, I desire and wish
that the real estate which I have herein before devised to my said
sister shall vest in and belong to the children which my son Wm. H.
Roberts and Mary Jane Roberts his wife may have now or may here-
after have. And I desire that my son Wm. H. Roberts and Mary Jane
his wife or the survivor of them, so long as the said Mary Jane shall
remain unmarried provide the entire her husband Wm. H. Roberts,
shall manage and control said property, for the support maintenance
and education of their said children and the support of the said
Wm. H. Roberts and his wife Mary Jane. But that said estate shall
not be made liable for the debts of the said Wm. H. Roberts or Mary
Jane Roberts, being my wish that only interest my son Wm. H. Roberts
and his wife shall have in said estate is to be a support.

4th After the death of my sister Sophia I will and bequeath my per-
sonal property to my grandson Wm. H. Roberts and that he shall
have the possession of said property, provided my said grandson then
be twenty one years of age. But if at that time the said Wm. H. is
not 21 years of age, I wish that my son Wm. H. and his wife shall
have the possession and use of said property, until my grandson
Wm. H. shall arrive at the age of 20 years — And if my grandson
Wm. H. Roberts shall die before he becomes of age, I wish that the
said property shall belong to the other children of William H. Roberts
as provided for the other property, and subject to the provisions of the
5th section of this Will.

5th I hereby authorize my sister Sophia at any time she may deem
proper to sell the negro woman Malinda whom I now own and
against the proceeds of said sale in another negro woman, or pay
the money at interest at her discretion. Should my sister Sophia
not sell said negro woman during her lifetime or should she sell
said woman, and purchase another woman with the proceeds of said
sale — then at her death I wish the said negro woman Malinda
or the negro woman purchased with the proceeds of said sale
to be taken possession of by Wm. H. Roberts and Mary Jane his wife subject to the
provisions and for the purposes directed in the 5th section of this Will.

Should my sister Sophia sell the negro woman Malinda, and in
 vest the proceeds in an interest-bearing fund or bond - I direct that
 she shall have the interest during her lifetime, and at her death
 that the said Wm. P. Roberts and Mary Jane his wife shall use the
 interest only, and at their death the whole proceeds shall belong to
 all the children, now living or hereafter born to my son Wm. P.
 Roberts and his wife Mary Jane, except my grandson Wm. P.
 Roberts, whom I desire shall have no portion in said slave Ma-
 linda or her proceeds.

Item 6th Should there be any personal estate remaining in
 the possession of my sister Sophia devolved from one other item
 which I have herein before disposed of - I direct that the remainder
 interest therein shall not and be subject to the same provisions
 as made in the 3rd section of this Will.

7th I hereby charge my estate with the support of my son
 Christopher V. Roberts, to the extent of his food and proper
 clothing, and with the privilege of him of a home or my real
 estate so long as he shall live.

8th I hereby constitute and appoint my sister Sophia W. S. Powell
 Executrix of this my Will, without requiring of her any security.
 In witness whereof I have this 29th day of November 1858 set
 my hand and seal.

E. C. Persinger

Witness

Henry E. Blair
 C. B. Grippin
 H. C. Emmons.

In Roanoke County Court October Term 1862.

The last
 Will and testament of Elizabeth Persinger decd. was this day
 produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Chas. B. Grippin
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is confirmed for authentic
 proof - And at Roanoke Roanoke Court 1863 - The last Will
 and testament of Elizabeth Persinger decd. was this day pro-
 duced in Court and further proved by the oaths of Henry E. Blair
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is thereupon admitted
 to record.

Teste

J. Johnston C.

Hezekiah

W. P. Popper

Witness

Witness

Witness

Witness

Witness

In the name of God - Amen. I Hezekiah W. Gess-
 and of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia being weak
 and infirm as to body, health but of sound mind and perfect mem-
 ory do make and publish this my last Will and testament
 hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made
 in the County of Roanoke at any time. Viz. 1st It is my will and desire that my

Will of 1847 the same be the same as she may think most conducive
 having been duly stamp and use and as far of the same as she may think most conducive
 and cancelled and that the interest of the estate, and for the benefit of my family until
 finally cancelled by my son John Gessand arrived at the age of 21 years of age I intend
 to be kept until the death of my daughter Julia T. Gessand should marry before my
 said son is 21 years old my said beloved wife may give her such por-
 tion as she may think proper and charge the same to her as a
 part of her portion of the estate. And the time my said son ar-
 rives at the age of 20 years as aforesaid, it is my desire that my es-
 tate both real and personal during her natural life. The remain-
 ing two thirds I want equally divided among all my children.
 And the death of my wife it is my desire that is to be divided among
 as above recited may in like manner be equally divided among
 my children, and I appoint my said beloved wife to carry this my
 last Will into effect. Given under my hand and seal this 29th
 day of July, 1863

John McCauley, C.

In presence of
 David W. Barnett
 Jas. H. Goodwin
 Mark B. Gessand

Hezekiah W. Gessand

At Roanoke October Court 1863

The last Will and
 testament of Hezekiah Gessand decd. was this day produced in
 Court and proved by the oaths of James H. Goodwin and Mark B.
 Gessand subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court

Teste

J. Johnston C.

Robert C. Allen

Witness

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Witness

I Robert C. Allen of Roanoke Co. Va. being of sound mind
 do make and declare this my last Will revoking every other testament
 - any memorandum by me made heretofore.
 1st I give and bequeath my estate (left to me by my much attend-
 ed father Robert Allen) to the eldest living male descendant of the
 said Robert Allen with the hope that he will transmit it in such
 manner as to keep it in the Allen family.
 2nd After paying my debts to the best of my ability, I give and bequeath
 I may die possessed of, and every thing, both real and personal
 that I shall inherit from my father's estate & elsewhere to my be-
 loved wife Mary during her lifetime, and at her death, should she
 die without leaving living issue by me marriage to be equally divided
 among my sons or their legal representatives, but should my said wife Mary die leaving a child or children
 by me marriage, then the remainder after her lifetime to pass
 in fee simple to each child or children.
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this 29th day of July, 1863

John McCauley, C.