

personal property may be sold as soon after my decease as my Executor may choose.

I hereby appoint Samuel H. C. Greenwood the Executor of this my last Will & Testament and empower him to convey my tract of land to the purchaser, when the purchase money is all paid.

Witness my hand, ^{and} seal, this 16th day of March 1864.

Witness

J. Johnston

G. B. Fitzgerald

David Burket Seal

At Roanoke County Court August Term 1866. The last Will and Testament of David Burket dec'd was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of J. Johnston and G. B. Fitzgerald subscribing witnesses thereto and the admission to record of said Will is continued until next Court for the payment of the U. S. stamp tax.

And at Roanoke February Court 1867.

The last Will and Testament of David Burket dec'd was this day again produced in Court and the U. S. stamp tax thereon having been paid the same is ordered to be admitted to record. And Samuel H. C. Greenwood the Executor named therein having declined to qualify as such, and the motion of John W. Muse who made oath thereto, and together with Samuel H. C. Greenwood his security, entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of two hundred dollars conditioned according to law, the said John W. Muse is appointed administrator with the will annexed of David Burket dec'd.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. M. Cauley Clerk.

Emeline Sowers I Emaline Sowers of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia do make this Writing as and for my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other writings, which I may have heretofore executed as Testamentary Papers. I give to my husband John A. Sowers, should he survive me, during his natural life all the property, which I may own at my death, real, mixed & personal, wherever situated to be used & enjoyed by him during his life & without accountability for any loss or depreciation thereof by use, natural decay or the death of animals.

At the death of my said husband (he surviving me) I give all my Land & real property wherever situated to my two youngest Daughters Emma & Lizzie, to be equally divided between them in kind or else to be sold by a Decree of a Court of Equity should it be to the interest of my said Daughters so to do & the proceeds of sale divided between them.

I also give to each of my said two Daughters a good bedstead & bed with sufficient & usual bedding—a good piece of carpeting & a set of chairs out of my Household Furniture to be delivered to them at the death of my said husband or by him during his life should he think proper to do so.

The rest of my personal property I give to equally to my sons & the Descendants of such of them as may be dead, to be divided between them at the death of my said husband.

If at any time during his life my said husband should think it proper and advisable to surrender the whole or any portion of my property to my Children as is herein directed after his death, he is fully authorized to do so, taking care to have a suitable Guardian appointed by the Court to hold the property of such of the Children as may be Minors.

If furthermore, at any time and for any reason he should think it advisable to change the form & kind of investment of my property, he is fully authorized to do so by sale or exchange or in any other manner to hold the proceeds of sale or exchange as herein provided for the property itself, taking the use & profits to himself during his life and at his death to descend to my Children as I have directed. In the event of a sale of my property, he is empowered to reinvest the proceeds of such sale as he may think best.

He will take care to keep accurate & full statements & accounts so that the proceeds of the sale of any Land & realty or the subject of its re-investment or of its exchange or of any other disposition which is made of it shall descend & go to my said two Daughters Emma & Lizzie & that the proceeds or re-investment or exchange of the personally shall go to my sons, except the bed, bedstead, bedding, carpeting & chairs which I give my said two Daughters, which shall be furnished them either out of such as I may own at my death or from the proceeds of the sale or exchange of the personal property. To prevent all misapprehension I declare my purpose to be to provide for my husband during his life—that after his death my property shall go to my Children as heretofore directed—that the proceeds of the sale of the Land & realty or of its exchange in whatever form it may be placed or invested, shall go as the Land & realty itself would have done & the same as to the personal property the proceeds of the sale or exchange of which or whatever it may be re-invested in to go as I have directed for the personally itself, should it remain in kind at the death of my husband.

I appoint my ^{said} husband John A. Sowers my Executor.

Acknowledged before us

Emeline Sowers.

& in the presence of each other
as the Will of Mrs Emaline Sowers.

Wm. Watts

Ananias May

At Roanoke County Court February Term 1867.

The last Will and Testament of Mrs Emaline Sowers deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of William Watts and Ananias May subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon admitted to record. And on the motion of J. A. Sowers the Executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with J. T. Terry and J. M. Ferguson his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned according to law, the said J. A. Sowers is permitted to qualify as Executor of Emeline Sowers deceased.

A copy from the records of Court. Teste

Wm. M. Cauley Clerk.