

most error in which I have been dictated in this my last will - first it appears to me that I shall hear state that it is my will and desire that my faithful and affectionate wife Sary shall hold all my lands with as much of the property on it as she may think necessary - as long as she lives - and after her death the lands and all the property on it to be sold and the money equally divided so that all my children gets as much of my estate as my son John and Zachariah has already got which I shall state below, and if any thing shall still remain of the proceeds of my estate I shall then be equally divided amongst all my children, and if my estate shall not amount to an equal divide with the sd John & Zach; it is my will that they shall not pay back to the other side any part thereof as I consider them entitled to a preference if there are any. My son John has received of me as a part of his legacy all the lands that was surveyed for him and Zachariah and one hundred and sixteen dollars in cash the reason why John gets all the lands is this - Zachariah sold his equal half of sd lands to John - and I have given my son Zachariah the said half of the tract of lands and one hundred and sixteen dollars in cash - the said tract was valued to them the sd John and Zachariah at ten dollars per acre, and I have given my son Sirkles two hundred and forty five dollars and fifty cents as a part of his legacy; and I have given my daughter Polly one hundred and thirty five dollars and fifty cents as a part of her legacy, and I have also given my daughter Temper one hundred and seventeen dollars, and I have also given my son Allen one hundred and ninety five dollars, and I have given my daughter Leazer fifty three dollars and eighty seven cents - and I also give and bequeath to my son Allen the brick still house with all the lands and its contents, within the limits and boundary as follows to wit. Beginning at the white oak, corner of East Johnson and my self running thence with East's line to the creek and down sd creek to a black oak, on the opposite side of the creek thence with the fence as it now stands to the larger white oak in the field and from thence a straight line to the beginning; with the proceeds of a road of eight feet wide from the water gap at sd creek along my lands to the back line at the ridge - and my daughter Ruth son Joseph and son Perry, as they may come of the age of 21 - my said wife may cause to be collected of the money that I have loaned out and pay to the said Ruth, Joseph and Perry, respectively as I have done, hereafter for the other children as they married or arrived to the age of 21 years, and as for Executors I think my said wife is qualified to manage and execute the order of sd will, and if she my said wife Sary thinks it best so to do, she with the aid of her children by ballot or otherwise, may select one or two from among themselves to act as administrators of this my last will and testament &c; In witness whereof, I do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament, as witness my hands and seal the date first above written

Witnessed

Wm M. Deermode

John Girkle

Th^o Robinson

At Roanoke January Court 1849; The last Will & Testament of Thomas Robinson dead was this day produced in Court, and proved in part by the oath of John Girkle, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto

It was also proved by the oath of Frederick Johnston that the said will is wholly in the hands writing of the said Thomas Robinson - And the same was continued for further proof by William M. Deermode the other subscribing witness thereto. And at Roanoke February Court, 1849, The said will was produced in Court & it was further proved by Leavie S. Brown a witness sworn in Court, that the said Will was wholly in the handwriting of the said Thomas Robinson dead; and thereupon it was admitted to records. And on the Motion of Sary Robinson (who satisfied the Court that his mother Sarah Robinson, the Executrix named in said Will, relinquished her right to qualify as Executrix of said Will, and who made oath thereto, and together with John M. Smith, Samuel Jenkins, Mason, Murrellly, and William S. Roberts his securities, entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$4000, conditioned as the Law directs a certificate is granted the said Sary Robinson for obtaining letters of administration upon the Estate of the said Thomas Robinson dead with the said will annexed in due form

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F. Johnston

Francis Deaton

In the Name of God Amen; I Francis Deaton of the County of Roanoke State of Virginia, being of sound mind & disposing memory do make this my last will & Testament, First I recommend my soul to God who gave it trusting to a glorious immortality through the merits and righteousness of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; Second, I desire after my decease, that I be buried in a decent and Christian manner, and as regards my slaves to wit Maria, Patience, Amelia, William, Henry, Blanche, Priscilla, Harriet, Peggy, James, Mary, and their future increase, they are to remain in the possession of my husband pro Deaton during his natural life time and for his benefit & use, they my slaves are to be hired out for a term of years untill their hire shall pay a debt due the Estate of pro Foster deceased, amounting to five hundred dollars more or less, after the payment of the aforesaid \$500 due the Estate of pro Foster dead. They my slaves are to be hired out for a term of years to raise the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars which sum I will and devise, as follows to wit; I give & bequeath to Francis A. Deaton, Hardyman Deaton, Polly Goodwin, Hester Day, Celiza Horn & Sally Temple and their heirs forever the sum of one hundred dollars each to be raised as aforesaid by the hire of my slaves as aforesaid; I give and bequeath to my sister Sophia Hubbard the sum of fifty dollars to her & her heirs forever; It is my will and desire after the payment of the above named debt of \$500, and the legacies aforesaid of \$650, shall have been fully paid off and liquidated from the hire of my slaves they are to have the privilege of removing to a free state and settling their and in the event of their accepting their freedom, they are to be hired out long enough to raise funds to transport them to a free state, and give them some means to make a beginning on, and in the event of their declining to accept their freedom & remove to a free state, I will and direct that they my slaves may be permitted by my Ex^{rs} hereafter named to select their own master or mistress, and the funds arising from such sale or sales, I will and bequeath to

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

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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-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 & acknowledged 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

A Copy from the Records of Court

Heste

F. Johnston

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 Hannah 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 Negroes 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