

Attest: I have seen the last will and testament of James Murray Esq. and have read the same and it appears to be the last will and testament of the said James Murray Esq. and I have signed my name as witness hereunto at the City of New York this 3rd day of April 1840

sale of my estate, as aforesaid, be divided into four parts. 5th I give, bequeath and bequeath to her children to be equally divided amongst them. 7th I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Murray one fourth part of the money aforesaid, to him and his heirs forever. 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Fifty dollars, and the remainder of the fourth part of the money aforesaid I give and bequeath to her son Madison Carper to him and his heirs forever. 9th I give and bequeath to my son Elijah Murray one fourth part of the money aforesaid, to him and his heirs forever. 10th And lastly I do hereby constitute, and appoint Jacob Hamman my executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former Will or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my this 3rd day of April 1840

James Murray *Test*

signed sealed published and declared by James Murray as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence and hearing of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

Andrew Ed Campbell
Levi Carper

John Poage

I John Poage advanced in age but of sound mind knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, I do hereby make this my last will and Testament. I leave my body to be decently interred and commend my soul to my Creator in all humble hopes of its future happiness and escape of my worldly goods as hereafter stated. In the first place it is my will and desire that my son John Poage Jr have the horse that he now has which I formerly gave him I also give him one hundred dollars which he is to have when my son Elijah becomes twenty one years of age which is all I intend him to have. To my son George I give the mair and coat that he now owns. To my son Joseph I give the horse he now owns. To my daughter Jane I give a young mair that is now hear. To my son Elijah it is my will that he have a horse when he arrives to the age of twenty one years to be equal in value to any the others has received. It is also my will and desire that George, Joseph, Jane, and Elijah have twenty five dollars each when Elijah becomes of age the balance of my estate both real and personal I leave to my beloved wife Margaret Poage. During her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided between my sons George & Joseph, my daughter Jane and my son Elijah. To carry this my last Will and Testament into full effect I appoint my beloved wife Margaret Poage my Executor with my son George Poage my Executor. I also request that there be no ceremony required shown under my hands this 20 day of November 1838

In presence of
David Sloan
Abraham Whitten

John Poage *Test*

At a Court held for Roanoke County, on Thursday the 20th day of February 1840. The last will and Testament of John Poage Esq. was presented in Court & proven by the oath of David Sloan who also proved the attestation of the other subscribing Witness. And ordered to be Recorded from motion of George Poage Executor thereof named who made oath and together with David Sloan, Abraham Whitten & John Poage his son-in-law entered into Acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directly a certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form

Teste
Saml^l H. Peters Clk

George Grounds

In the Name of God Amen

I George Grounds son of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia do hereby make & ordain this as my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, To-wit: I will & direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid by my Executors hereafter named out of any monies I may die possessed of or that may be due to me. I will to my son George Grounds the lands where he now lives, laying on both side Glade Creek containing about 2.75 acres & as I conceive it will be more than his equal share of my estate. I will & direct that he pay to the Executors of my estate the sum of one thousand dollars to be applied by them in payment to others of my children & to be paid by him in five equal annual payments the first becoming due one year after my decease & it is to be fully understood that he is to receive no portion of any other part of my estate either real or personal than that above willed to him. I leave to my daughter Peggy Lowry the wife of James Lowry to her & her heirs forever two hundred acres of lands to be by my Executors laid off on the North side the plantation whereon I now live adjoining the lands of Abner Petty to begin on a corner of the lands of said Petty & my own lands on or near the branch leading down from said Petty's house near a cherry tree at or by said corner & from thence to run to a point so as run the next line down the road between my two fields following the same as nearly as they can leading towards my house down to near a persimmon tree near the draw bars at the corner of my meadow & to run from thence in a South West direction so as to pass somewhere near where John Howells lands in the ten acre field above the meadow so as to cross Petty's creek at some suitable place to make a water gap & continue on through said ten acre fields untill it crosses the next branch & from thence a direction to the back line of the lands bought of John Moyers so the East of Christian Werts so as to make the two hundred acres & from thence around with my lines which runs with the lines of Butler Dingleline & the lines of John Rann & Abner Petty to the beginning & I do hereby vest the entire title to the said lands in my said daughter Peggy & her heirs with the hope that it will be a home for the family during her life & as I own the said two hundred acres of land very valuable I therefore will & direct that it shall be received by her & her husband as their entire share of all my estate both real & personal, I leave unto my grand son George Grounds son of David Moyers one hundred acres of the lands whereon I per

line to be laid off on the lower end of the tract adjoining & north of the lands of Jacob. Frantz & Bolser Diagonal line. To begin on a line of mine running with Michael Trout across the road leading up from my meadow past the spring where Michael Speagle gets his water at a point on said line so as to include the said spring & on to Peters Creek near & above where the preaching stands was on the old Camp grounds & there to corner & to run from thence a straight line to the back line of the lands willed to my daughter Peggy Lowry or any other of my outside lines so as to make the one hundred acres, the same to be laid off by my Executors & should my said Grandson die before he arrives of age or without lawfull issue saids lands shall be sold & the money equally divided amongst his surviving brothers & sisters. I will to my youngest daughter Hannah now living with me, to her & her heirs forever all that part of the lands where I now live including the buildings with the exception of the 200 acres herein willed to my daughter Peggy Lowry & the 100 acres as willed to my grand son G. L. Moyers I also give to her my Negro girl Mary, which lands & Negro girl shall constitute her entire part of my estate both real & personal except her bed & chamber, which she is to have. I will to my son John Grounds the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him by my Executors as soon after my decease as may be convenient to pay it which shall be taken & received by him as all that part of my estate both real & personal which I intended him to have, he having left me in early life & in a manner displeasing to me & now rambling through the woods I know not where. I direct that none of my children or in their husbands shall pay or be charged with any articles or property of any kind which I may have given them at the time of their marriage or since except that for which I have paid in cash to them & for them & for which I have their bonds which is to be charged to each of them as a part of their portion of my estate left them but without charging them with any interest on their several bonds since they were received by me. I further direct that William Fizer my son in law whom I gave or let have some time after his marriage a considerable more I therefore will that he be charged with one hundred dollars for the same on settlement with the estate. I will & bequeath to Samuel Britty who married my daughter Catherine one equal fourth part of the remaining part of my estate not heretofore willed with the exception of my Negroes, which estate consists in money, & bonds on various persons & all the stock & other property belonging to me at my decease. I will to my three sons in law David Moyers, William Fizer, & Lewis Circle to each of them or their heirs one equal fourth part with Samuel Britty of the remaining part of my estate not heretofore willed consisting of money bonds &c. as mentioned in the devise to Samuel Britty, it being my desire that these four sons in law should have an equal share and the remaining part my estate with the exception of my Negroes which Negroes I will as follows viz To David Moyers & his heirs two Negro boys Ellick, & Eljah, & my Negro girl Sally, & to William Fizer I give my Negro girl Millyann & my Madison, I also give to Lewis Circle my man Dancy & the two girls Quady, & Nancy & the old woman Polly & her now youngest child a boy — those Negroes with their future increase I give to the several legates to whom they are left & to their several heirs forever, and whereas upon reflection the lands as directed to be laid off to my daughter Peggy Lowry the lines may not take in a spring on the south side the plantation called Myers Spring laying up the hollow above the plant beds grounds I direct that

if my Executors on laying off her said 200 acres of lands should find that the line as directed to be run will not take in the said spring that they run the line from the branch after cutting it from the two acre field so as to include the said spring & from thence to the back line for the quantity. I will & direct that should I not pale in the grave yards in my orchards during my life time I direct that my Executors shall have it done out of goods substantial materials & supply good stones for the heads & foot of each grave of my family & pay the expense of doing the same out of any money I may leave before a division is made of it to the legates. I further will & direct that my Executors shall settle their accounts touching my estate once in each year with the County Court of Roanoke & I further will & direct that any difference of opinion arising between any of my legates touching their Estates contained in this my Will that the matter shall be left to the decision of two or three good men chosen by the parties whose decision shall be binding & final between the parties & a refusal of any one or more of my legates to settle their dispute in this way shall amount to an entire forfeit of any interest they might have from this my Will in my estate and lastly I do hereby constitute nominate & appoint my two sons in law David Moyers & Lewis Circle Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other will or wills heretofore made by me in any manner whatever & confirming this to be my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands & affixed my seal this 28th day of December 1841.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by
Geo. Grounds as & for his last will & Testament
before us as witnesses at his instance.
J. M. Clanchan
Abner Pitty
Jacob. Shantz
Jas. Woods

George Grounds (Seal)

At a Court held for Roanoke County on the 17th day of January 1842 The last will and testament of George Grounds dec^d was proven by the oath of Elijah McClanchan &c. witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Lewis Circle and David Moyers Executors therein named who made oath and together with Joseph Deyler, Abraham Stutler, Abner Pitty James Lowry and James Woods their security entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$40,000 conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted to them for obtaining a probate of the will in due form.
Copy True. Samuel W. Yates D. C.

Jonathan Evans

I Jonathan Evans of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows. I will & direct that all my just debts shall be paid by my executor and if the debts due me and the proceeds of the sale of my perishable property not specifically bequeathed be insufficient for that purpose my executor is authorized to sell so much of my other estate real and personal as may be necessary. I will & devise, to be children of Sarah Barber properly called Sarah McNeal which said children as heirs after named I do hereby acknowledge as my children by Sarah Barber