

Saml W. Peter D.C.

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John Cirkle.

In the Name of God Amen: I John Cirkle Clerk of the County of Botetourt & State of Virginia, being now old in person, but of sound mind & memory & in perfect health thanks be to God for the same; & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die—do make this my last will & Testament; first I desire that all my just debts be paid & fully Satisfied—
2^d I gave to my beloved wife Eleanor one third part of my tract of land whereon I now live also two negroes namely Ned & Margaret—two horses & gear for the same—one Row—one Feather bed & furniture also two cows—also one cupboard & content:—during her natural life & after the decease of my beloved wife, its my will & desire that the land negroes & every other article above named I give & bequeath to my Son Lewis Cirkle to him & his heirs forever,
3^d I give & bequeath to my said Son Lewis Cirkle one Negro man William also my tract of land whereon I now reside—with the exception of two acres more or less which I shall hereafter name—also I give to my said Son Lewis Cirkle all my Stock of horses cattle & Hogs waggon & gear & all the balance of my Farming utensils household & Kitchen furniture except what I have loaned to my wife to him & his heirs forever—4th I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Proof two acres of land adjoining the lands of Alexander White the lands being laid off be the same more or less at the big Spring; to her & her heirs forever, 5th I give & bequeath to my Daughter Eleanor Gordon one dollar to her & her heirs forever—6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bulancy one dollar to her & her heirs 7th I give & bequeath to my daughter Phoebe Winall one dollar to her & her heirs forever; 8th I give & bequeath to my daughter Rutha Hays two dollars to her and her heirs forever 9th I give & bequeath to my son John Cirkle one dollar to him & his heirs forever—10th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bulancy the land lying from the gate post to the road & adjoining her lot where they now live the same being a small spot to the right hand of the gate from my house to the big road; 11th & lastly I do hereby appoint my Son Lewis Cirkle Executor of this my last will & Testament which I hope will carry the same into effectment

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, very truly,
 J. M. Smith

on my book of accounts, it is my desire, that those sums as charged to them shall be by them accounted for on a final Settlement so that each one of my said eleven children shall receive an equal portion of my estate taking into view the monies they have received from me & the money arising from the sale to be made after my decease. as it has ever been my desire to do equal justice to all of my children so far as was in my power & it is to be hereby understood that nothing which I have given to any one of my children & which is not charged to them in my book of accounts shall be taken any notice of in final settlement, as they all have had less or more in property & than what I have charged them with, having charged them with nothing but the cash which I gave them & I also will that no interest shall be charged to any of my children on the several sums charged to them in my accounts on a settlement by my Executors with them, 6th I will, that my Executors hereafter named shall make titles to the purchaser or purchasers to the lands directed herein to be sold by them by deed or deeds lastly lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint Jacob Bowers, my son in law Executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other or former Wills or testaments be me heretofore made & witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands & affixed my seal this 5th Day of May in the year 1838

George ^{his} Rowbert ^{decd}
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And it is further my will & I direct that if there should arise any difference of opinion in the construction of this my will by any of my children or Executor that they mutually choose three or more good men to decide between them & that their decision on all matters of difference between the parties shall be final & decisive & that they shall not go to law in no event & the party or parties refusing to submit to this mode of settlement shall by such refusal forfeit all right or claim to any part of my estate which he or they may hereafter be entitled to by this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands & seal this 5th day of May 1838 signed sealed published & declared by George

George ^{his} Rowbert ^{decd}
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Rowbert as & for his last will & testament in the presence & hearing of my who at his request & in

presence have subscribed our names as witnesses at a Court held for Roanoke County on the 24th day of January 1839. The last will & testament of George Rowbert ^{decd} was offered for probate by Jacob Bowers the Executor & admitted to probate & thereupon the said Jacob Bowers having entered into a bond with Eld L. Barnitt, Joseph Deyoult & Peter John R. Richardson & John McCauley his sureties in the penalty of Twenty thousand dollars & taken the oaths required by law letters testamentary are granted him in due form.

Teste Saml W. Jeter C. C.

James Carver

By Permission of Almighty God

James Carver of Roanoke County and State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind and memory but well knowing the uncertainty of human life do make the following bequest of all all my estate that is to say it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my estate after the payments I desire to my wife Catherine Carver one bed and a table also one horse to ride upon she wishes to go to visit her children also her room and her dress and maintenance during her life time to be furnished by my son George I devise to my Daughter Lavinia Shawver her maintenance with her mother during her prepared situation of her life to be furnished by my son George I devise unto my son George my tract of land whereon I now live and one tract of land of 70 acres on Broad run to him and his heirs forever also my Negro Man Cide and his wife Amy also my swaggon

and 2 heads of horses geering and also all my stock of every kind also all house hold and kitchen furniture farming utensils &c I devise unto my daughter Rebecca Carver my negro child Chary also four hundred dollars to be paid by my George in nine months after my decease I devise unto my daughter Shawver one tract of land lying in Millers Cove to him and his heirs also one hundred dollars six months after my decease to be paid by George and finally I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Geo Executor of this my last will and testament revoking and cancelling former wills by me heretofore made and declaring pronouncing publishing this only to be my last Will and testament in testamentary testimony whereof I have this 6th day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty signed and sealed the same as such, signed sealed and acknowledged and declared and for the last will and testament of the said James Carver in presence of my

Philip Moomaw
 Alexander Carver
 George Carver

James Carver ^{decd}

At a Court held for Roanoke County on Monday the 13th of March 1841 The last will and testament of James Carver ^{decd} was proved by the oaths of Philip Moomaw Alexander Carver & George Carver being witnesses thereto & is ordered to be recorded on Motion of George Carver Executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with Moomaw Alexander Carver & George Carver his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Eighty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the Will in due form

Teste

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Joseph Wenger

Botetourt County January the 30th 1838

In the Name of God I make this my last will and testament as and in a low state of health But sound in memory I think it to be my Duty to make a statement in writing of all my Temporal estate now stands on this day Now in the first place when death has done his in my mortal body I wish it to be buried in a plain and decent manner my immortal spirit I commit to God in the second place I will state that I have given to each of my sons one thousand Dollars cash and also some household furniture and to each of my Daughters have given five hundred Dollars in cash and also some household furniture all this above mentioned property and money I have given to my sons and Daughters before I made this my last will and testament now at my decease it is my desire that all my estate which I have at that time is to be sold and the money arising from such sale is to be divided in the following manner to wit Each of my Daughters is to have four hundred Dollars if that is of my estate will amount to that sum and if there is an overplus left that is to be equally divided between my sons and Daughters Except Nicholas's heirs is to have no more of the overplus after my decease and it is also my will and desire that my son Martin Wenger is to be