

At Roanoke County Court - June 24th 1901.

The writing purporting to be the last will of Lucy J. Johnson, late of this County, deceased, was this day returned into Court together with the commissions thereto annexed, for taking the attestation of J. E. Lipman, one of the attesting witnesses thereto, and the certificate under the hand and seal of S. A. Terry, Notary Public, of the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, U. S. A. of due execution of the said Commission; And thereupon, the said certificate being seen and inspected by the Court, and the will and the attestation thereto being fully examined, it is ordered that the said writing be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Lucy J. Johnson, deceased.

A copy from the records of Court.

Test:

C. D. Smith - Clerk.

Bell. I, George M. Bell, of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament as follows: - I direct that all of my property both personal and real of which I may die seized or possessed be sold. I desire that my farm be sold altogether and on the installment plan as follows one fourth to be paid cash and the remainder in three equal yearly payments. I want my executors to hold a sufficient sum of the proceeds of my property in hand for the maintenance of my wife Susan E. Bell, and the remainder of said proceeds I want to be equally divided amongst my four children viz, Luther D. Bell, Thos. M. Bell, Laura B. Lavender and Rosa A. Trimmell, and if anything remains of the sum above mentioned for the support of my wife at her death, it also is to be equally divided amongst said four children. I do hereby appoint my sons, Luther D. Bell, and Thos. M. Bell, to be the executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I the said testator Geo. M. Bell, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 31st day of May 1901.

George M. ^{his} Bell (L. S.)
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Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator George M. Bell, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

H. Lavender

C. W. Bowles.

At Roanoke County Court - June 17th 1901.

The last will and testament of Geo. M. Bell, deceased, was this day produced in Court and proved according to law, by the oaths of H. Lavender & C. W. Bowles the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon, it is ordered that said

writing be recorded as the true last-will and Testament of Geo. M. Bell, deceased.

A copy from the records of Court,

Test:

C. D. Smith, Clerk.

Chas. L. Cocke.

I make this my last-will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me.

The proceeds of my life work are invested in Hollins Institute - My desire is that this investment shall remain and that the institution shall continue to be operated by and for the beneficiaries of my estate. To this end I hereby devise and bequeath my entire estate to Lucian H. Cocke, Joseph A. Turner, Jr., Estes Cocke and Mattie L. Cocke as Trustees, and in trust for the following purposes, they shall take possession of my estate and use and operate the same in the conduct of a school at Hollins Institute in the manner that the same has heretofore been conducted by me, and to this end I hereby invest them with all necessary power as to the use and disposition of the estate. I direct that this trust shall continue for a period of ten years after my death. After the expiration of this ten period I direct my trustees to assign and allot my estate equally to my children as now named Sallie L. Cocke Mary S. Hayward Mattie L. Cocke, Bessie Barber, Lucian H. Cocke, the children of my daughter Mrs L. V. Turner, and the children of my son Chas. H. Cocke. I do not make mention of my son Joseph J. Cocke as I have already provided for him by advancements made in my life time.

I have made this provision for the conduct of the property for a period of time by trustees in the belief that when the time of allotment shall come it will be the desire and wish, as it is my earnest desire and wish, of the beneficiaries to retain the corpus of my estate in my family and their descendants.

I enjoin upon them that there should not be any division of the property but the same should be kept intact for the benefit of the family through succeeding generations.

During the existence of the above declared trust I direct the trustees named to cause suitable provision to be made for the board and education at the institution of all my grandchildren or other descendants free of cost. Witness my hand this the 16th June 1900, attaching my name to the three sheets.

Chas L. Cocke

Signed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto attached our names.

Thalia Stewart Hayward

Rosa Pleasant Cocke.