

that they are well acquainted with the Testator's handwriting and verily believe the said writing and the name ^{there} ~~which~~ subscribes to be wholly written by the Testator's own hand. Whereupon ^{the handwriting} is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said Edward W. Gaest deceased.

A copy from the Records of Court.

Teste: W^m McCaulley, Clerk.

George Gaest. I George Gaest, of Roanoke County, Virginia, do make this as my last Will and Testament, revoking all Wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1st. It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item 2nd. After the payment of my debts, I direct that six hundred dollars be paid, out of the first money that comes into the hands of my Executors, to my beloved wife Anna Gaest - this sum being money that was willed to her by her grand-father, and which I have had the use of, said sum to be paid without interest. I will and desire the said six hundred dollars to my said wife, during her natural life, and after her death to be divided equally between my two children by my said wife, Eliza and Andrew by name. In case either of my said children should die before their mother, the survivor to have the whole \$6.00.

3rd Item. After the decease of myself and wife I will and desire that my son Jeremiah shall have the refusal of all my lands at twenty-five dollars per acre in five annual equal payments.

In case he should not want said lands at said price, my Executors shall sell the same at public sale one third in cash and the remainder in two annual equal payments. If my son Jeremiah should buy said lands at public sale he shall have it in five annual equal payments. If there shall be any property left at my decease I will that it also shall be sold and the proceeds of said lands and personal property shall be equally divided among all my children.

Item 4th. I will and desire that my son Jeremiah act as agent for my son Andrew as he is incapable of acting for himself.

Item 5th. I will & desire that my son Jeremiah shall have my Family Bible.

Item 6th. I will that twenty-five dollars be given for the purpose of repairing Peters Creek meeting house when necessary to be repaired.

Item 7th. I hereby will and desire that my sons Henry M. Gaest and Jeremiah Gaest act as my Executors.

Item 8th. I will that if any of my heirs should be dissatisfied, and go to law to break this my last will and Testament, they shall be entirely cut off from receiving any more of my estate.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May 1873.

George X. Gaest ^{his} Seal
mark.

Witness:

Henry A. Braxton
Jeremiah Gaest.) —

{ This will was signed here by mistake, the same having been admitted to probate in the Circuit Court.