

At Roanoke July Court 1848, This Last Will & Testament of Joseph Woods dead was proved by the oaths of Benjamin Harris, Robert Lewis and Samuel Phillips, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of George McDonalds and Elias Thomas, the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and together with Benjamin Harris, James L. McCorker and Giles Barnett, their securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$87,000 conditioned as the Law directs, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form

Teste J. Johnston

and Abbott

I Richard Abbott of the County of Roanoke do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say first, I desire that my brother James Abbott is to have the use & control of my Lands lying on the waters of Craigs Creek in the above named County during his natural life & after his death to be equally divided between my three nephews, Omandine W. Abbott Sinkland & Abbott & John M. Abbott the sons of my brother James Abbott & then there heirs Executors, & Administrators & assigns for ever & lastly, I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend John Speards Executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me heretofore made, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord 1847

signed, sealed, published & declared
as for the last Will & Testament of the
above named Richards Abbott in presence of us
Hezekiah W. Speards
Michael D. Speards

Richard ^{his} Abbott Seal
mark

At Roanoke August Court 1848 - This Last Will & Testament of Richard Abbott dead, was this day proved by the oaths of Hezekiah W. Speards, and Michael W. Speards subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of John Speards the Exr. therein named, who made oath thereto and together with Powell A. Huff his security entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$88 with conditions according to Law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form

Teste J. Johnston

my Brubaker

I Henry Brubaker of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but being admonished by bodily disease, that my time is nearly spent on earth, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as I possess, while yet I may, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows. I do direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall, out of my estate, as soon after my

decease as may be, pay all my just debts, Here first, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah one Thousand dollars in money to be paid her by my Executors, as soon as may be convenient after my decease, also the following property, One horse beast called Barney, my carryall and harness, One Cow to be selected by him Two beds and furniture, one cupboard and, such kitchen and table furniture as will enable her to keep house comfortably, Secondly - I give devise and bequeath unto my two youngest sons Elias and Moses my home farm containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, with all the appertanances thereunto belonging, provided they pay to my Executors hereinafter named, (to be distributed among my children, themselves included,) the sum of three thousand dollars - to be paid as follows; Five hundred dollars to be paid in four years from the time of my death and the balance in twelve equal annual instalments, And I do direct, that, as soon as they (the said Elias and Moses) shall have paid the first instalment, of Five hundred dollars then my Executors, shall make to them a good and legal title, to said land, I do also direct, that my Executors, after giving reasonable notice, shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, my lower farm on which my son in law, (John Beckner) now lives, containing about one hundred & three acres, and also my mountain tract, containing about Two hundred and fifteen acres, and adjoining my home farm, upon the following terms, One third of the purchase money to be paid in hand and the balance in three equal annual instalments, possession to be given at Christmas 1849, (My son in law John Beckner) is to hold possession of the house in which he lives, and have the right to tend such fields as I have, rentend him, during the next year free of rent. It is my design, and therefore direct; that no sale of my personal estate, shall be made, until the gathering of the crop of the next year, at which time sale shall be made including said crop. It is my wish and expectation; that my wife and two sons Elias and Moses, will remain on and cultivate my lands as usual during the next season & then surrender to my Executors, all the personal estate of which I may die possessed, to be disposed of by them, as I may in this will direct, I do further direct, that the entire balance of my estate, whether derived from the sale of the above named lands my personal estate, bonds or accounts or money in hand at my decease, shall be equally divided between my children, Christian, Jonathan, Jacob, Joel, Joseph, Henry, Catherine Barnhart, John, Nancy, Werts, Benjamin, Margaret, Abraham, Isaac, Elias, Elizabeth Beckner, and Moses, share and share alike, And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son John Brubaker and my son-in-law Christian Werts, to be Executors of this my last will and Testament, And I do hereby revoke, and make void, all former wills by me made, In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of November 1848

signed, sealed, published and declared
by the testator as 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

Henry ^{his} Brubaker Seal
mark

W. M. Cook
W. L. Munnally
John McCauley

At Roanoke November Court 1848, The last Will and Testament of Henry Brubaker dead, was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of William M. Cook, and Mason L. Munnally, And on the motion of John Brubaker and Christian Wertz, the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and together with Joel Brubaker and John Earet, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$18,000 with condition according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form

A Copy from the Record of Court, Elected. St. Johnstone.

Shepard

In the name of God Amen; I Michael Speards of the County of Roanoke, being frail & weak in body but of sound mind and memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following viz. Item 1st I desire my burials & funeral expenses to be paid, Item 2nd I desire all my just debts to be paid, Item 3rd I desire my wife Barbara Speards to have one third of all my real and personal estate during her natural life and possession of my mansion house and at her death to go back to my children as shall be hereafter named, I also give to my wife one carriage and harness one bed room one bed one saddle one cupboard with the furniture thereto belonging one set of silver spoons as a present; Item 4th I desire all my children to have an equal share of real and personal estate, as some have already received a part and it is my desire to make them all equal. Item 5th My Daughter Catharine Hickel has received two hundred and thirty dollars, the land which I bought in Tennessee formerly belonging to Hickel, her husband I give the house and property on the land to my daughter but the land I give to my grand son Deary and John I also give to her as to my daughter to have and to hold during her life named Elias and Susan; 6th My daughter Elizabeth Evans has already received five hundred & thirty eight dollars I also give her a Negro man named Stephen; Item 7th My son John Speards has received twelve hundred and seventy seven dollars; Item 8th My daughter Susan Brown has received seven hundred and thirty seven dollars I also made trustee of my grandson Speards Brown to buy land for me in the Miskaura which land together with a Negro girl Matilde I give to my daughter Susan; Item 9th My daughter Mary Thomas has received one thousand and seventy two dollars I also give to my daughter Mary one Negro boy named Sam; Item 10th I think it best at my decease that my mill and ten acres of the lower part of my mountain barony be sold, Item 11th It is my desire that all the Negroes that I may have at my decease shall be divided that they shall be equal but none is to be sold out of the different families to which they may be allotted; Item 12th I appoint my son John Speards and Elias Thomas my executors

of this my last Will and Testament; In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this 28th day of December one thousand eight hundred & forty nine

Witness

Robert Lewis

Samuel Phillips

Richard H. Phillips

Michael Speards read

At Roanoke January Court 1849; The last Will and Testament of Michael Speards dead was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Robert Lewis and Richard H. Phillips, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of John Speards & Elias Thomas, the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto and together with Benjamin Harris, Robert Lewis and James McCauley their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$8,000 conditioned as the law directs, a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the same in due form

A Copy from the records of Court Elected. St. Johnstone.

Paul Thrasher

In the name of God Amen; I Paul Thrasher of the County of Roanoke, and State of Virginia, being feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. My soul I resign in the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner; First I desire that all my just be paid and also my funeral charges; Second, I give unto my beloved wife Sally Thrasher the lands on which I now reside together with all my personal property of every kind during her natural life, Third I give to George Daylong or Susan Daylong two hundred dollars exclusive of an equal division of the rest of my brothers & sisters. Fourth, I give to Paul Thorsht son of Thersht, Thorsht two hundred dollars as a legacy. Fifth I give to Paul Thorsht son to John Thorsht two hundred dollars as a legacy; Sixth I give to Polly Short two hundred dollars as a legacy. Seventh, I direct my land & all of personal estate to be equally divided amongst all my brothers & sisters by sales of the property; Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sally Thorsht as my sole Executor without any security being required of her by the Court of Roanoke County as witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this 30th day of November 1848
sign & acknowledge in presence of
Lewis J. McKelley
Wm. Muse
Jesse Short
Jesse Thrasher

Paul Thrasher read

At Roanoke January Court 1849; The last Will and Testament of Paul Thrasher dead was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of William Muse and Jesse Short, subscribing