

John Muse

In the name of Gods Amen; I John Muse of Roanoke County being in a low state of health but of disposing memory do make this my last will and testament I direct that my body be decently interred it is my wish that all my debts be paid and knowing that my property will not be sufficient to pay them and that their will be the buyer of three negroes that amounts to \$100 a year that will belong to my wife agreeable to my fathers will that if she will apply it to the payment of my debts till they are all paid up it is my wish that as she will have a large family to take care of that there be no sale of my property as there is none to pay it is my wish that my wife have all my property to raise the children upon and to dispose of it to them as she may choose after disposing of my effects and in order to stop all kinds of trouble that might hereafter arise between my heirs and my trustees as appointed by my father and his will Wm Muse and Wm Mc Dermott as regards the sale of a negro boy by the name of James which boy was sold and disposed of by me and without the consent & knowledge of either of my said trustees appointed in my fathers will, the said boy James after my death and the death of my wife the right and title of my children I their fore make this statement so that no difficulty may ever arise between any of my children & any of said trustees or their representatives in a coming day and that I take the sole responsibility upon my self for the sale of said boy James to carry this my last will into effect I give my wife my executrix under the directions of William Muse & William Mc Dermott. It is my wish that she give as securely, so witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of March 1845 signed and acknowledged in presence of

John Muse
David Sloan
Abraham Greenwood
William Harrieff
The above interlining was seen
after signment at the request of said
John Muse and in his presence by me
David Sloan

John Lewis

In the name of Gods Amen; I John Lewis now in the County of Roanoke in the state of Virginia being quite unwell but of sound mind & disposing memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make & ordain this as my last will & testament. First I give unto my son John Lewis my negro man Washington with a request should it meet his approbation that he would give him the liberty of emancipating himself by paying to him the sum of three hundred dollars in three equal annual payments & as a range it that he can remain in the state of Virginia unless he should choose to leave it, this request I make for the regards & esteem I have for this man having ever been to me so faithful & so truly a servant & for his ever showing so tender a regard for me & my welfare also I give to my said son John his bond executed to me for the sum of six hundred dollars with the interest due on said sum at my death, I then I leave to my son Samuel Lewis my negro man Toliver & his choice of my two negro men Pompey & Bill as he may elect also to Gertrude Lewis wife of one of my said son Samuel to leave my burrow & my largest looking glass I then I leave to my two truly friends William Boyde & Andrew Boyde his brother of Botetout County the following property to wit my Negro Woman

Hannah & a Negro boy named Lerman also a negro girl named Mary the two former now living with James S. Woods & once feather bedstead & furniture for the same, nevertheless to be held by the said Boyde their executors or admors or either of them in trust for the entire use maintenance & benefit of James S. Woods & his wife Sarah who is my daughter & their children & hereby desire & direct that my said trustees do permit the said J. S. Woods & his wife to take possession of all & every of the said property herein granted or wills to them by this my will & permit them to hold & enjoy it in that way which they may deem best for their interest & their family but it is directed & specially to be understood that the said Wm & Andrew Boyde trustees as aforesaid shall not suffer any part of the said property herein granted to them their executors or admors to be taken from the said J. S. Woods & family for any money or debts he may now owe or may hereafter contract as my great & only object is to save said property for the use & support of my said daughter Sally Woods & family & to guard her & family against any misfortune that might happen them & not from any disrespect to her husband J. S. Woods, & I do also will & direct that my said daughter Sally shall be permitted to at or before her death to sell & dispose of the entire property herein willed by me for the use & benefit of her & family to all or any of her children as she may see proper & that my said trustees shall permit her to do so, I then I give & bequeath to my daughter Emeline Ingles to be by her disposed of at her death as she may choose the following property viz; negro woman Jane her two youngest children viz; George Washington & James also my carriage horse, also one bed & furniture also my side board table & chairs but it is to be hereby fully understood & I will & direct it so to be that all & every part of said property as above willed to my said daughter Emeline shall be held in trust by my two friends James L. Carr & Samuel Miller of the County of Dinwiddie & state Virginia & their executors or admors or either of them in the precise manner & for the same purpose & under the same restraints & regulations as is provided for the securing of the property as left for the use & support of my daughter Sally Woods in this my will & that my said trustees James L. Carr & Samuel Miller shall hereby be vested with all & every power which is in this my will given to the trustees in the devise to my daughter Sally Woods & her family, I then I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Pilger the wife of Madison Pilger the following property viz; my Negro boy Newton also a bond due & executed to me by Samuel Miller of Charlestown Dinwiddie County for the amount specified and said bond with its interest excepting the payments thereupon also all the money that is now due or will be due for the hire of my three Negro men for the last year & for the present year ending Xmas next, these several sums I leave to my said son-in-law Madison Pilger & Eliza Pilger his wife to them & their heirs forever with this exception that said Pilger shall pay from said money left them my Doctors bills expenses attending their sickness as well as all other debts necessary to be paid for me or that I may justly owe at my death which is at this time very small, I then I leave to the children of my deceased son William Lewis which were one of my two Negro men Bill or Pompey, that my son Saml Lewis may leave for them having given him his choice of said two Negroes to each one of said children an equal interest, & that said Negro men be disposed of & employed by their mother in any way she may deem best, to promote the interest of the said children untill the youngest arrives of age, I then I leave to my grand daughter Margaret Lewis daughter of my son John as a token of my love to her, it is further my will & I hereby

direct that my ex^{ts} hereafter named shall as soon after my decease as may be convenient deliver to my several legatees the property willed to each of them & the bonds as due, me or coming due to me, as well as all other property I have given to each of them with the exception of those negroes I have hired out for the present year ending & next at which time they are to be given & delivered to those of my children whom I have willed them to and as I have made no provision in this my will to cover the commissions & other expense that may be attended on the execution of this my will this I have purposely omitted intending to make my son John my sole ex^{or} whereby willing that he shall pay and encounter all the expense herein, that may occur in carrying this my will into full execution out of the legacy I have left to him; And lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved son John Lewis sole executor to this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former will or wills heretofore made by me declaring this to be my last will & Testament, Be witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands & seal this 10th day of February in the year 1846. Note the interlineation on the first page between the 58th line in these words (should it meet his approbation) as also the interlineation on the 3rd page on the words (power) between the 34th line as also the interlineation on the 3rd page between the 10th & 11th lines in these words (excepting the payments thereupon) were all done before signing signed sealed & delivered in presence of me & acknowledged by Jane Lewis as before her last will & Testament

John H. Griffin
James McClanahan
Sarah K. Cook
C. McClanahan

"At Roanoke County Court March Term 1846"

This Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jane Lewis deceased was exhibited in Court and proven by the oaths of John H. Griffin, James McClanahan and Elijah McClanahan the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded, and further to be certified to the clerk of the County Court of Hanover County or in order that the same may be there recorded

A Copy Teste

Samuel W. Peter Clerk

Geo. H. Larver

In the name of God Amen; I George H. Larver of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say: First, I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my executors, from any portion of my estate real or personal. I also direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made, by three judicious neighbors of all my said estate, including my household furniture, and after being signed with their names, that a copy of the same shall be given by them to each of my executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife, Susan Larver, her one third

part of all the lands of which I am now seized, during her natural life, according to Virginia Law. Thirdly, I give to my said wife Susan Larver, her one third part of the valuation of my slave, or slaves, during her natural life, according to Virginia Law, to be paid or distributed to her by my executors, out of my personal estate (except slaves). Also I give to my said wife, her one third part of my personal property, except slaves, in absolute right, according to Virginia Law. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my Mother Catharine Larver, my negro man named Leake, during her natural life. Fifthly, whereas my Father, James Larver by his last will and Testament bequeathed to me a negro woman, named Amy, which is a part of my Mother's inheritance of my Grand Father Walker's estate, the title for said negro woman not having been made to my Father during his life, it has since devolved upon my Mother to pay to the said estate a considerable sum of money of her own, for said in consideration of the said negro woman, she therefore is desirous to have the bill of sale and title for said negro woman executed to her: if she can I have no manner of objection; but am desirous that she shall, if she cannot have the absolute title for the said negro woman, made to her: then and in such case I give and bequeath to my Mother Catharine Larver, the aforesaid negro woman named Amy and two children which are with her at present together with her future increase, during her natural life. Sixthly, I give to my Mother Catharine Larver, her two thirds parts of all the lands of which I am now seized, during her natural life, I also desire that my Mother shall have the control and management of all my personal property that shall remain after the adjustment and distribution of the several bequests herein contained during her natural life. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my nephew, William Anderson Shawver, one brass mounted rifle gun, which I gave to him and his heirs forever. Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my three children, namely, David Callaghan Larver, Demaree Lafayette Larver, and Harriet Ann Catharine Larver their equal parts of all the rest of my estate, both real and personal of what nature or kind soever it may be, not herein before particularly disposed of, which estate real and personal I bequeath to them and their heirs forever; I also desire that the portion of my wife's dower, which will be recoverable at her death for the benefit of my children shall be equally divided among my said children hereinbefore named, which I give to them and their heirs forever. Ninthly, I have committed and by these presents do commit and dispose, unto my Mother Catharine Larver of the County of Roanoke, and State of Virginia, the custody, tuition and education of my three children, namely, David Callaghan Larver, Demaree Lafayette Larver, and Harriet Ann Catharine Larver, from and immediately after my decease, until my said children shall each attain the age of twenty one years; and if it shall so happen that my said Mother, Catharine Larver, shall die before me or before my said children hereinbefore named, shall have attained respectively the age of twenty one years; then and in such case I do commit and dispose unto George Larver or of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, such custody, tuition and education after my decease and the decease of my said Mother Catharine Larver until my said children hereinbefore named, shall have attained severally, the age of twenty one years, and I desire that the said George Larver shall take upon him the trouble for the goods of my said children hereinbefore named. Tenthly, My express will and desire is, and I do hereby order and appoint, that if any difference or dispute, question or controversy shall arise concerning any gift, bequest, or other matter or thing in this my last will, given or bequeathed expressed or contained, that there be no suit or suits in law or equity or otherwise