

James C. Huff. I, James C. Huff, of Roanoke County, Virginia calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

First, I direct that all of my just debts be paid, and after the payment of my said debts I dispose of my Estate as follows. I give and bequeath to my son Willard F. Huff all of my real Estate, and also all Bonds accounts, money, and personal estate that may be left after paying my debts and I give in my said son the legal title to all my real Estate as well any that I may have received deeds of conveyance for during my life, as any that I may have bought and for which deeds of conveyance have not been made to me.

It is my will that my property of every kind be kept together for five years after my decease under the sole management and control of my son Willard F. Huff who is hereby appointed my Executor, without being required to give security as such. It is my desire that my said son advise with & consult my friend F. Johnston in any matter of difficulty connected with my estate. It is my will & desire that my said son furnish my wife, who is his mother, a comfortable support during the five years in which my property is to be kept together, and this I estimate as making for my said wife a more certain provision than for her to take her thirds in my estate for her life time. Should my son Willard F. Huff die before the expiration of five years from my own death, it is my will that my wife Harriet D. Huff qualify as my Administratrix with the Will annexed, without giving any security as such, and that she have all the rights and powers herein before given to my son in regard to the control & management & keeping together of my Estate.

At the end of five years from my death it is my will that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to my daughter Sarah I. Dunn and the same to my daughter Eliza Ellen Ligon, which I give to them and their heirs forever, but my Executor is not to be perplexed about the payment of these special legacies.

Should any circumstances arise in which my said wife and my son Willard F. should not live together, then my wife is to be at liberty at any time when my said son does not provide for her comfortable support, to have her dower rights in my Real Estate, and enjoy the same during her life time, with the use of five wood from my timber lands. But such use of five wood by my wife shall cease in the event that she is again married.

In the event that my said son Willard F. Huff should die before his mother unmarried and without children surviving him, my wife is to have the use and enjoyment during her life time of all my Estate; and at her death my estate of every kind is to be sold upon such reasonable terms of payment as my personal representative may think proper and the proceeds equally divided amongst all my children by my former marriage including Sarah Jane and Eliza Ellen with my son James, Powell, John R. Thomas & Albert. It is my will that my wife shall have any building timber she may wish to have from my timber land to build on her own lot but this is to be used to a reasonable extent, so that the timber be not wasted.

Should the lumber I have collected for the purpose of building a house on the Town Lot and on my wife or her separate estate not be used in that way during my life time, it is my will that the same be used for that purpose

after my death. It is also my will that my said son Willard F. Huff render all the assistance his mother may need in order to complete that house; and should he find it necessary, in order to accomplish that object, I hereby authorizes him to sell & convey to the purchaser, the Shop Lot bought by me from Huff & Co's Executors.

It is my will that the Court of Roanoke County be offered the refund of the House built by me by permission of the Court on the Court House Lot, and which by special agreement between the Court and myself, I am allowed to remove at any time I may wish to do so. A fair valuation is to be put on the property by my Executor, and if the Court decline to buy it at this valuation, then the house is to be removed, or my Executor may sell the same to be removed by the purchaser.

It is my will that any tenant who may now be occupying any tenement on my timber land, or may hereafter on such tenement, be restricted as to fire wood, to old & dead timber and not be allowed to cut down any green timber for fire wood, nor have fire wood at all except at the discretion of my Executor.

Witness my hand and seal the 5th day of January 1870.
James C. Huff

Witnesses
F. Johnston
G. W. Shankel

At Roanoke County, County, May Term 1870.

The last Will and Testament of James C. Huff deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Frederick Johnston and George W. Shankel subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said Will and Testament is admitted to record as and for the last Will and Testament of the said James C. Huff deceased it appearing that the said instrument has affixed thereto duly cancelled United States Internal Revenue stamps of the value of One Dollar.

And on the motion of Willard F. Huff, the Executor in said Will named, who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of One Thousand Dollars with condition according to law, the said Executor not being required by the said Will to give security as such, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

A Copy from the records of Court
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Wm McCauley Clerk