

Jacob Custer, In the name of God, Amen.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Jacob Custer, of the County of Roanoke and the State of Virginia, Farmer, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate, and all the property, real, personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, and dispose thereof in the manner following, To Wit:

First, My will is, that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall, by my executors hereinafter named, be paid out of my estate, as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

I give, devise, and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Custer, all my real and personal estate to have and to hold the same during the term of her natural life. And I devise my sons Isaac Custer & Lewis J. Custer to take charge of her property and manage it to the best advantage, to pay to her one fourth of the crops and pay the Taxes upon the property and all the expenses from the cultivation and securing of the crops, Six months after the death of my Beloved wife Susan Custer.

I will that my Real and Personal estate be sold at Public sale upon the following terms - The purchaser paying Two Thousand Dollars in cash, and the balance due of the purchase money in Two annual payments, retaining a lien upon the Land with personal security for the back payments and I direct my executors to make a deed in Fee Simple to the purchaser upon compliance with above terms. The money arising from the Sale of my Real and Personal estate I direct to be disposed of as follows. I direct my executors to pay to my son Samuel Custer Five Hundred Dollars and interest upon the same to the date of this Will, for a claim he holds against me.

I will and bequeath to my son Samuel Custer Five Dollars as his portion or legacy in my estate.

I direct my executors to pay to my son Joel C. Custer Four Hundred Dollars and interest upon the same to the date of this Will for a claim he holds against me.

I will and bequeath to my son Joel C. Custer Five Dollars as his portion or legacy in my estate.

I will and bequeath to my son Christopher Custer Five Hundred Dollars as his portion or legacy in my estate.

I will and bequeath to my Dec^d daughter Ann Smith's heirs, the heirs of her body Six Hundred Dollars to be equally divided among her children as they arrive at the age of Twenty one years this is their portion or legacy of my estate.

I will and bequeath to Isaac Custer, (my son), Eight Hundred

Dollars as his portion or legacy in my estate.
I will, and bequeath to Lewis J. Custer (my son), Eight Hundred Dollars as his portion or legacy in my estate.
I also will, that after the above legacies are paid if there should be any remaining surplus in money it is to be equally divided between my two executors Isaac Custer and Lewis J. Custer, and Joel C. Custer.

It is my will that one half acre of the home tract be reserved forever as a burying ground to be designated by my executors and to be neatly enclosed.

And lastly, I do nominate and appoint my said sons Isaac Custer and Lewis J. Custer to be the executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof, I, the said Jacob Custer, have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this Twenty Fifth day of December Eighteen Hundred & Sixty Six.

Jacob Custer *(Signature)*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Jacob Custer as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereof.

Adam Garman
William Painter

At Roanoke County Court June Term 1867.

The last Will and Testament of Jacob Custer deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Adam Garman and William Painter subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon admitted to record, the said Will and Testament having been stamped as required by Act of Congress.

A Copy from the records of Court
Teste W. M. Canby Clerk

James Edgington, In the name of God, Amen. I James Edgington of Roanoke County and State of Virginia being in my perfect mind and memory, thank God, for the same and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to dispose of my property before I die, do make this my last Will and Testament in presence and form as follows. To Wit. I give unto my Beloved wife Louisa Edgington all my personal property so long as she may live also the Land wherein we live and a part of the old plantation, also Catharine Mary she is to have a home in the family so long as she lives, the land also named Bound by the deed except the piece taken from the old place which division will start at a Chestnut oak corner to Board and Kefauver and run near the Chestnut orchard to the line and on to John

Edington's corner Black etc and from thence to the Big gate on the Road. And after the death of my wife the land is to be sold and the money arising divided equally among my children John D. Edington Sarah J. Woods, Mary A. Day and Lydia Edington, J. P. Edington Amada F. Varner. I wish the pre-sell property sold and divided among my daughters: the Balance of my Land I give to J. D. and J. P. Edington. I do hereby appoint John D. and J. P. Edington the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. made this 3^d day March 1866.
 Witness Jam. D. Kefauver
 David C. Kefauver
 Jas. P. Edington

At Roanoke County Court July Term 1867.

The last Will and Testament of James Edington deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of James D. Kefauver and David C. Kefauver subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon admitted to record, the same having been stamped according to Act of Congress.

And on the motion of John D. Edington and James P. Edington the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto and together with John W. Day and William Woods their securities entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of One Thousand Dollars conditioned according to law, the said John D. Edington and James P. Edington are permitted to qualify as Executors of the said James Edington deceased.

A copy from the records of Court
 Test. Wm. McCauley Clerk

Mrs Susan Custer's Repudiation. I, Susan Custer, widow of Jacob Custer deceased, late of Roanoke County Va. do hereby renounce the provisions made for me in the Will of said Jacob Custer, which was admitted to record by the County Court of Roanoke at the July Term 1867, and I hereby request the County Court of Roanoke to appoint Commissioners to lay off and assign to me according to law my third part of the Real Estate of said Jacob Custer as my Dower therein.

Witness my hand and seal the 11th day of September 1867.
 Test. Susan Custer
 Wm. H. Brand
 Isaac Custer

At Roanoke County Court, September Term 1867.

A Renunciation by Susan Custer, widow of Jacob Custer deceased of the provision made for her by the Will of her late husband Jacob Custer deceased, was proved by the oaths of William H. Brand and Isaac Custer witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
 Test.

Wm. McCauley Clerk

Samuel Howbert

I Samuel Howbert of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia

Being of sound mind, and disposing memory, and being aware of my ill health, and the uncertainty of life,

I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me at any time

First I will that my funeral expenses be fully paid
 Second I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary A. Howbert one hundred and eighty one acres Land where we now reside and that portion of the Pulanys and Entzsminger Land laying on the North side of the Road running from Big Lick to Salem adjoining George Stevens line and the said Mary A. Howbert is to have the use of that portion of the Entzsminger Land laying on the South side of the road until sold and should my wife M. A. Howbert be fortunate and make any thing during her natural life, she shall have the exclusive right to dispose of it as she may think proper she shall also take such of the Household and Kitchen furniture, Horses, cattle, hogs, Farming implement, Wagons Harness Rockaway Buggy and harness Wheel Drill and all the crop of hay and grain then on hand and growing, and one Bond of two hundred dollars on Mrs Susan Shafer of Tennessee

Thirdly I give to my son William E. Howbert the House & Lot in Salem purchased by me from George Stevens for which the said Stevens shall make the said Wm E. Howbert a warrant Deed for and in consideration of two thousand five hundred Dollars which I have paid. The balance of Wm E. Howbert's Legacy comes found on my account Book which makes him equal with the rest of my Children

Fourthly I give my son George A. and my Daughter Mary Susan One hundred acres Land each laying next to Jacob C. Miller running from the Old Lynchburg road back to the old McClellan line these two lots shall contain 100 acres each for which the said Geo A. and Mary S. Howbert shall draw Cert. as soon as George A. Howbert is Twenty one Year old. But my wife Mary A. Howbert shall have the controll and benefit of Mary S. Howbert, share until the said M. S. Howbert is 21 years of age and each Lot is valued at Forty dollars per acre

Fifth When my son Samuel Franklin becomes Twenty one years of age I will that he shall have One hundred acres Land along the line of George A. or Mary S. Howbert running parallel with their value at forty dollars per acre and

My wife Mary A. Howbert shall have the benefit of Samuel F. Howbert share until he becomes twenty one years of age

Sixth I will my youngest son Charles B. Howbert that portion of Land bequeathed to my wife Mary A. Howbert at her death valued at

Last I appoint my Friend and Neighbor David E. Frost as my Executor to settle my Estate make sale of any surplus that may be on hand collect Bonds and divide the same equally amongst my Five Children as named above