

signed sealed & published by Joshua
Burnett as his last will and testament
in the presence, and hearing of us who
at his request and in his presence, have
subscribed our names as witnesses

Henry Shaver
Wm L. Hatcher
Sidney Jeter

At Roanoke, September Court 1852, This last will
and testament of Joshua Burnett deceased was this day produced in Court,
and proved according to law by the oaths of Henry Shaver, William L
Hatcher, and Sidney Jeter, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered
to be recorded

A Copy from the records of Court

Teste

J. Johnston

Howell

I James Howell of the County of Roanoke and State
of Virginia do make and publish this my last will and testament
hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time
heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred and
that my funeral conducted in a manner corresponding with my my
estate and situation in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased
God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First, I direct that
all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my
decease as possible and out of the first moneys that shall come to the hands
of my executors hereafter named from any portion of my estate. Secondly
I give unto Washington Howell, Abraham Howell, Jesse Howell and
Abner Howell (sons) of Jesse Howell dec'd The tract of land and
the appurtenances therunto belonging on which I now reside that is I do
direct that the above named tract of land and premises be divided
equally as soon as it can be done after my decease share & share alike
amongst the above named Washington Howell, Abraham Howell,
Jesse Howell and Abner Howell - further to effectuate my intention
fully, I do hereby direct that the above named Washington Howell
Abraham Howell, Jesse Howell and Abner Howell pay to their
sister two hundred dollars each - that is to Sally Amintont two
hundred dollars - to Elizabeth Baker two hundred dollars - to Jamima
Gaultray two hundred dollars - to Mary Gaultray two hundred dollars
and to Ann Howell two hundred dollars all daughters of Jesse
Howell dec'd the above several sums to be paid in twelve months after
my decease, and it is further my will that if the above named Sally
Amintont, Elizabeth Baker, Jamima Gaultray, Mary Gaultray or
Ann Howell, that if either of them should die leaving no heirs within
the date of this my will and twelve months after my decease the
time when the above legacies of two hundred dollars shall have become
due then in that case I direct that the share of those who had died
that their share shall be equally divided share & share alike among

the remainder who may be living - also I direct that all my personal estate
of every kind of which I shall die seized or possessed or shall be sold by my
executors at public auction upon a credit of twelve months and the amount
thereof secured in such manner as is usually in like cases to ensure the
full and punctual payment thereof and the moneys arising from such sale
I bequeath to the heirs of my two deceased sisters to wit Mary Lisk dec'd and
Ruth Lisk dec'd in the names of the heirs of Mary Lisk dec'd are Elizabeth Loue
Sarah Holleman and Hannah Williams - The names of the heirs of Ruth
Lisk dec'd are William Lisk, David H. Lisk, and Mary Manque. I do
direct that the nett proceeds of my personal estate heretofore ordered by me
to be disposed of be divided equally as soon as it can be done share and
share alike amongst the heirs of my two deceased sisters above named To
Elizabeth Loue Sarah Holleman and Hannah Williams - To William
Lisk, David H. Lisk, and Mary Manque - I do further authorize my
Executors & vest in them full power and authority to dispose of my Negroes
privately permitting them to select or chose their own masters on a credit
of twelve months or for ready money as my Executors may think best. I
also bequeath to the heirs of Jesse Howell dec'd sixty six dollars and 67 cents
to be paid to the said heirs out of any interest in the money arising from the
sale of lands on which Elary Howell widow of the Howell now reside
sales give and bequeath unto the heirs of my two deceased sisters heretofore
named that is to Elizabeth Loue, Sarah Holleman, Hannah Williams,
William Lisk, David H. Lisk and Mary Manque the remainder of
my moiety in the lands in which Elary Howell widow of the Howell dec'd
now reside also all my interest in the estate of the said Thomas Howell dec'd
to be paid to the said heirs so soon as it can be done share and share
alike - And lastly I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed friends
Washington Howell and Abraham Howell Executors of this my
last will and testament my said Executors not required to give security
In witness whereof I James Howell have to this my will set my
hands and seal this 16th day of March 1843 the above intended before signed
Teste
Wm M. Bermed
Michael Ruddell
Wm B. Preetow

At Roanoke September Court 1852, This last
will and testament of James Howell deceased was this day produced
in Court & proved according to law by the oaths of William M. Bermed
& Michael Ruddell Two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is
ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of Washington Howell
and Abraham Howell, the Executors therein named, who are not
required in said will to give security, and who made oath thereto &
entered into a bond in the penalty of \$4,000 with condition according
to Law, a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the
same in due form

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