

well acquainted with the testator's hand writing and
verily believe the said Codicil and the name of the
testator, Thereto subscribed, to be wholly written by the
testator's own hand. Whereupon, the said Will and un-
repealed codicil are ordered to be recorded as the true
last Will & Testament of the said James Chalmers, decas-
ed.

And Mrs Alice Chalmers, Executrix, and L. C. Hans-
brough, one of the Executors, named in said will,
having refused to take upon themselves the burden
of the execution thereof, on motion of F. H. Chalmers,
the other Executor named in said will, who made
oath thereto, entered into and acknowledged a bond
in the penalty of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) (no
security being required by the will), conditioned as
the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtain-
ing a probate of said will in due form.

A copy from the records of Court -

Teste:

Whipple, Clark.

10. A. Francis In the name of God Amen I John A Francis being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament - I devise to my loved wife all of my property both real and personal to be held by her during her natural life and ^{at} her death to be divided equally among my children living at her death. Should any die previous to the death of my wife leaving issue of the body, such issue shall receive the share or shares of such who may have died. I desire that my son William A Francis have in ^{his} ~~the~~ ^{part} ~~of~~ distribution of my estate one hundred & fifty dollars more than any other child.

I appoint my son William A Francis Executor of this
my will and desire that he be permitted to qualify
without security.

Witness my hand & seal this the 26th day of July
1899

Witness

R N Logan & S Minichan

Geo A Francis 

At a County Court continued and held for Roanoke County, February 27th, 1899.⁴
The Last Will and Testament of John A. Francis, deceased, was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law, by the oath of R. H. Hogan, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded, as the true last will and Testament of John A. Francis, deceased.

A copy from the records of Court.

Test: Whipping, back.