

signed the foregoing writing in our presence as and for  
his last will and testament and at his request we  
have hereunto set our hands as witnesses signing the  
same in his presence and in the presence of each other.  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1874.

Seth G. Farley  
John W. Eller

At Roanoke Circuit Court July Term 1874.

This day the last Will and Testament of Sipton  
B. Evans deceased, was produced in Court and proved  
according to law by the oath of Seth G. Farley and the  
solemn affirmation of John W. Eller the subscribing wit-  
nesses thereto, and thereupon the said Will is ordered  
to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste. Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

Michael Trout: I Michael Trout of the County of Roanoke in  
the State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory  
and wishing to dispose of such worldly estate as by  
the will of Providence I may be permitted to possess  
do make this my last will and testament in manner  
and form as follows

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my Executors hereinafter  
named shall after paying all my just debts and  
allowing my wife provided she lives longer than I do  
her legal Dower to pay to my Daughter Mary E. Byrley  
formerly Mary E. Trout three hundred dollars out of the  
proceeds of my personal property.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that the Remainder of my Estate  
both Real and personal shall be equally divided be-  
tween my three children Sally & Betty formerly Sally  
& Trout Eliza A. Wininge formerly Eliza A. Trout and  
Mary E. Byrley formerly Mary E. Trout.

3<sup>rd</sup> I appoint Smith Petty the husband of my Daugh-  
ter Sally & and Caleb S. Wininge the husband of my Daughter

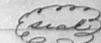
Eliza E. my Executors who shall hold in trust for the  
benefit of my Daughter Mary E. Byrley formerly Mary  
E. Trout all her interest in my estate both Real and  
personal to be managed by them as Trustees for her so  
long as she lives as they may think best and then paid  
to her children if she should then have no children  
or grand children her property to return to the heirs  
of my estate.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my Executors acting as Trust-  
tees for my Daughter Mary E. Byrley shall have power  
and authority to sell and convey with general warranty  
any land that may fall to her the said Mary E. Byrley  
in the division of my Estate and invest the same in  
other land provided it is her wish to do so and they  
think it to be interest to do so.

5<sup>th</sup> I acknowledge the above to be my last will and  
Testament hereby revoking all others Signed and sealed  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1867

Witness

John Trout  
Noah P. Garret  
Chas J. Campbell

Michael Trout 

At Roanoke Circuit Court, July Term 1874.

The last Will and Testament of Michael Trout  
deceased, was this day produced in Court and proved ac-  
cording to law by the oaths of John Trout and Charles  
J. Campbell, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is  
thereupon ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste. Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

John Garret Senr: In the name of God, Amen! I John Garret of the  
County of Roanoke and State of Virginia being of feeble  
health, and conscious of the brevity of human life, but  
being of sound mind and disposing memory do make

ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby re-  
voking all other wills by me at any time heretofore  
made.

It is my will to make the following disposition  
of my worldly estate.

1. I direct that all of my just debts due at my  
decease, and my funeral expenses be paid by my  
Executors herein after named, or the survivor of them  
out of my estate as soon after my decease as to them  
may seem convenient.

2. I have already in my advancements to my  
three sons Henry, John and Noah, made disposition  
of all of my personal property except one bed and  
bedding and one bureau which I reserved for my own  
use during my life, and at my death, I direct that  
the same be given to my son John.

3. I give and bequeath to my son Noah, the farm or  
which he now resides, adjoining the lands of Michael  
Frank, Jacob Frantz, and others in the County of Rock-  
and containing 294 acres be the same more or less, to  
be held by him during his natural life, the rents and  
profits accruing thereon to be at his unrestrained disposal,  
and I direct that at his death the said tract of land  
shall descend to his lawful children, and they shall  
hold the title to the same in fee simple. And in  
consideration of the provisions of this section of my will  
I hereby direct that my said son Noah shall pay  
Sixteen Hundred Dollars as follows: He shall pay  
me Six Hundred Dollars in three equal annual  
instalments of two hundred dollars each, commu-  
encing his payments on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1870 -  
and in the event of my death before the expiration  
of the said three years, the remainder of the said three  
instalments are to be regularly paid to my Executors  
and divided equally <sup>among</sup> my three sons Henry, John and  
Noah. The residue of the said Sixteen Hundred  
Dollars is to be paid in five equal annual instal-  
ments commencing on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1873. A first two and a half amounting to five hun-

dred dollars to be paid to my daughter Christina  
Shirley, and the remainder to my daughter Sarah  
Houtz. Should my son Noah not pay the said  
Sixteen Hundred Dollars as above directed, then my  
Executors shall sell enough of the said tract of land  
to make up the balance of the payments due on the  
same, with interest thereon at the rate of six per  
centum per annum from the time the said payments  
severally became due, and the proceeds distribu-  
ted as above directed.

4. I direct that my daughters Christina Shirley  
and Sarah Houtz shall, in addition to the aforesaid  
legacies received from my estate Two Hundred and  
Fifty Dollars each, which seems if not paid in my  
lifetime, shall be paid by my Executors to my said  
daughters out of the first assets of my estate which  
may come into their hands after the payment of my  
just debts and funeral expenses - and their sums  
together with the advancements which I have at various  
times made to them and the aforesaid legacies of five  
hundred dollars each, amounting in the aggregate  
to Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars  
each shall constitute the entire amount they are  
to receive from my estate.

5. I hereby direct that after the payment of all of  
my just debts and funeral expenses and the distri-  
bution of the aforesaid legacies, the residue of the assets  
of whatsoever kind in the hands of my Executors shall  
be equally divided amongst my three sons Henry,  
John and Noah.

6. It is my will that all of the legacies and pay-  
ments herein mentioned shall be received by those  
entitled thereto in many current in the State  
of Virginia at the time of payment.

7. I direct that my clothing shall, at my  
death be equally distributed among my three  
sons Henry, John and Noah.

8. It is my will that, should a better title be  
hereafter established to any of the lands conveyed

by me to my sons Henry and John, and the land  
or any portion of them be lost to my said two sons,  
the loss shall fall equally upon all my children.

I hereby appoint my sons Henry and John  
the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of  
September, in the year, One Thousand Eight Hundred  
& Seventy.

Witness

J. Boon

Wm. McCauley

John <sup>his</sup> Garst <sup>Seal</sup>  
mark

At Roanoke Circuit Court, July Term 1876.

The last Will and Testament of John Garst  
Sen. deceased was this day produced in Court and  
proved according to law by the oaths of Jubilee  
Boon and William McCauley subscribing witnesses  
thereto and is thereupon ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court

Teste

Wm. McCauley, Clerk

Anderson Robtson

I Anderson Robtson, of the County of Roanoke  
and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing  
mind, but being in full health, do make this my  
last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy J. Robt-  
son the whole of my estate both real and personal  
during her life, terms provided however that enough  
of the personal property is to be sold sufficient to  
pay all my just debts and burial expenses. And  
after the death of my wife I desire every thing both  
real and personal to be divided among my children  
I desire every thing to remain as it now is so far  
as it can be done.

I appoint my friend and neighbor Lewis Arthur  
Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have to set my hand this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord One Thou-  
sand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six.

Witnesses

J. Woodrum

Lewis H. Kirkwood

Anderson <sup>his</sup> Robtson  
mark

At Roanoke Circuit Court, April Term 1876.

The last Will and Testament of Anderson Robt-  
son deceased, was this produced in Court, and proved  
according to law by the oaths of Jordan Woodrum  
and Lewis H. Kirkwood, subscribing witnesses  
thereto and is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court,

Teste Wm. McCauley, Clerk

Jacob C. Miller

I, Jacob C. Miller, of the town of Salem, County of  
Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound mind,  
do make the following as and for my last will and  
testament.

1<sup>st</sup> - I desire to record my full confidence in the  
Blessed Redeemer, in to whose hands I commit my  
self and all that are dear to me, and this, whether  
my days be many or few.

2<sup>nd</sup> - In the event of my death, it is my will that  
my very dear wife, Jennie S. Miller, shall take  
and hold in fee simple, all that I possess, whether  
the same be real property, personal property, stock  
or choses in action; subject of course to the payment  
of any just debts owing by me.

3<sup>rd</sup> - I appoint my said wife the Executrix of this  
will, and I direct, that in qualifying as such,  
no security be required of her.

4<sup>th</sup> - If my said wife should not survive me,  
then this will shall be null and void.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1880.

Jacob C. Miller