

I hereby appoint, constitute Noah J. Westy Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal as testator of this Will and Testament this the 18th day of March 1873.

Peter Westy Sen (Seal)

Signed, sealed & in presence of us Witnesses of this the last Will and Testament of Peter Westy Sen

Peter Shickel

Noah J. Westy

At Ransom County Court, June Term 1878.

The last Will and Testament of Peter Westy Sen. deceased, was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law by the oaths of Peter Shickel and Noah J. Westy, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste Wm. McCauley, Clerk.

John A. Griffin. The will of John H. Griffin made in Salem Ransom County the 3^d day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and forty seven, and written by himself, provides
1st That whatever Lands he may own, with the exception of the house and lot in Salem and the track purchased of Boon and such additions as may have been or may hereafter be made to it, be sold or not, at the discretion of his Executors, or be disposed of in any other way as may in their judgments be best calculated to secure a support for my wife & children, who I desire, (if my wife will consent to the arrangement) shall live together, either on the lot or track of land above referred to, and every thing I have be kept together and managed as my Executors may think best for the purpose of maintaining my family, and also all, educating my children. In the term education I mean to embrace with the mental, that moral and religious culture, - of superior importance in fitting them for usefulness in this life, and for an immortality of happiness, in that which is to come, -

If I did not expect hereafter to revise this hastily written will, I would desire here to say something to to my ever dear children on this, and other subjects connected with the forming, cherishing and acting upon principles, (never to be in any way compromised or deviated from) derived from the precepts of the Bible, without which it is impossible satisfactorily to perform our duties to each other, and to society, and which is the only means of securing that peace of mind, which the "world can neither give nor take away" and without which the name of happiness is a mockery. I may at

least hopes and I trust, feel confidently assured that this last appeal, from a parent whose every impulse and every wish has been the advancement of their interests, will induce them yet more firmly to resolve on a conscientious discharge of every duty, and an affectionate effort to provide for the wants, promote the happiness, & advance the interests of each other, and of their dear devoted mother.

I wish my Executors to provide for the wants of my children in enabling them to commence the business of life as I might be expected to do, with such means as may be at their disposal; and, finally, after the death of my wife, or before, by her cousin, if thought advisable, to provide for the equitable distribution of the little all that may remain, among my children.

I desire that my Brother Samuel G. and Gustavus A. Kingfield Esqrs act as my executors & I appeal to them not to allow any small consideration of convenience to interfere with their taking care of my children, and their interests. I also request that no security be requiring of my Executors.

John H. Griffin

Salem 1st of April 1854.

Seven years have elapsed since the above was written & my two oldest boys Chas B & J H. Griffin are old enough now to act as my Executors. As the settlement of my estate, however, would be more immediately connected with the profession of John William I appoint him my sole Executor. I think it would be advisable before selling either the Echols place, or the Floyd tract of land, to ascertain whether there may not be stores of coal on the first or a valuable deposit of Black-lead on the latter.

I desire that my servants be taken care of in the family, & in no event sold out of it.

Once more I would commit each member of my family, and our servants, to that God who is infinite in goodness and mercy, & pray that we all may be fitted for usefulness here, & at last be united "no wanders lost," "a family in heaven."

John H. Griffin.

It may be some consolation to the surviving members of my family & other relations, that, when this meets their view, I have, I think, faith & hope to believe I shall be united in Heaven with our Saviour & my dear children who went before me, to part no more! May we all there meet to part no more forever!

Salem, June 9th 1855.

Although my son, John H. Griffin, has decided to adopt a dif-

ferent profession from what I expected when the above codicil, appointing him Executor, was written, still confiding in his correct business habits, & views, I desired that he ~~shall~~ act, if in this country, or if he should think it his duty to return to it at my death, if not I desire that G. A. Wingfield act as my Executor.

I would, by no means wish the land recently purchased of Ch^l. Kirkwood, nor that in the same vicinity, inherited by my wife, to be disposed of or sold, without first ascertaining whether there is not, on each, a valuable deposit of copper ore. Should it prove so, my Executor may dispose of it or not as he may think best & if the income of the estate justify it, I desire that my Executor, or Executors, & my wife, after consultation, be permitted to give freely to charitable & benevolent objects, as I hope I should do if alive.

John H. Griffin

Salem January 24 1867

As I have a number of children still to be educated, & have expended much more on the older ones (than from the present known value of my estate) will be left for the younger, I therefore desire my Executor in apportioning his own, and the several parts of the older children, to make an equitable & proper deduction in favour of the young ones in order to complete, as far as possible, their education. - If he should feel a delicacy in deciding himself what this deduction should be, he may select two or three impartial & discrete men to whom the matter may be referred, & by them be decided.

If my son John William acts as my Executor I not only desire that no security be required of him, but that he shall not be held to legal accountability for any seeming deficit or balance which may appear against himself, in the settlement of his accounts, as from want of experience he may err, but not intentionally, I think.

If neither he, nor Col^l Wingfield acts as my Executor, then the whole matter, so far as security &c is concerned, will be under the direction of the Court.

John H. Griffin

Salem January 3^d 1866.

On looking over the above disconnected fragments which compose my will, I think my views & wishes are sufficiently explicit, and almost the only alteration demanded, even after so long an interval, is that which our sad, irreparable loss, and seemingly overwhelming misfortune, makes necessary. Under existing circumstances I desire that my sons Ch^l. B. Griffin Samuel Griffin and Wingfield Griffin act jointly as my Executors, and I desire that no security be required of them.

by the Court. I wish to remind them that, although I have sold the place I purchased of 10th Garst & the land I purchased of Webb, lying in Floyd, (Graphrodale) I have retained one half the interest to any mineral or fossils that may be found on the first, and the entire interest in any such mineral which may be on the latter. The Iron on the land purchased of Kirkwood is now considered valuable, and there are strong indications of Coal on my mountain land above Fort Lewis.

John H. Griffin

At Roanoke County Court, November Term 1878.

A writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John H. Griffin deceased with four several codicils thereto annexed was produced in Court, and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, John L. Barnett & Robert W. Logan were severally sworn, and deposed that they are well acquainted with the hand-writing of the said John H. Griffin, and that they verily believe the said writing and each codicil with the name subscribed to each of them, to be wholly written by the Testator himself. Whereupon, the said writing, together with the codicils thereto attached, is ordered to be recorded as the true Last Will and Testament of the said John H. Griffin deceased.

A copy from records of Court.

Teste Wm. McCaulley, Clerk.

is W. Richardson. I, Lewis W. Richardson of Roanoke County in the State of Virginia being in feeble health though in sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows:

First it is my will that my wife Jane Ann shall hold all my real estate as long as she may live and after her death one half of the land to be equally divided between my nephew John L. Richardson son of John L. Richardson my sister Phoebe Richardson and my sister Sarah Bandy wife of John C. Bandy the other half of the land to belong to my wife Jane Ann in fee simple to dispose of as she may please.

2nd it is my will my wife Jane Ann shall have 1 horse choice of the former two choice cows provided she may want them one ferry and hamper and all the household property that she may choose to keep and as many bee stands as she may want to keep the balance of my personal property to be sold by my executor to pay my just debts and provided there is not enough personal property to pay my debts then my executor shall sell land enough to pay my debts and should there be more money than required to pay my debts I want it to be divided one half to my wife the other half equally between