

John Muse

In the name of Gods Amen; I John Muse of Roanoke County being in a low state of health but of disposing memory do make this my last will and testament I direct that my body be decently interred it is my wish that all my debts be paid and knowing that my property will not be sufficient to pay them and that their will be the buyer of three negroes that amounts to \$100 a year that will belong to my wife agreeable to my fathers will that if she will apply it to the payment of my debts till they are all paid up it is my wish that as she will have a large family to take care of that there be no sale of my property as there is none to pay it is my wish that my wife have all my property to raise the children upon and to dispose of it to them as she may choose after disposing of my effects and in order to stop all kinds of trouble that might hereafter arise between my heirs and my trustees as appointed by my father and his will Wm Muse and Wm Mc Dermott as regards the sale of a negro boy by the name of James which boy was sold and disposed of by me and without the consent & knowledge of either of my said trustees appointed in my fathers will, the said boy James after my death and the death of my wife the right and title of my children I their fore make this statement so that no difficulty may ever arise between any of my children & any of said trustees or their representatives in a coming day and that I take the sole responsibility upon my self for the sale of said boy James to carry this my last will into effect, I give my wife my executrix under the directions of William Muse & William Mc Dermott. It is my wish that she give as securely, so witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of March 1845 signed and acknowledged in presence of

John Muse
David Sloan
Abraham Greenwood
William Harrieff
The above interlining was seen
after signment at the request of said
John Muse and in his presence by me
David Sloan

John Lewis

In the name of Gods Amen; I John Lewis now in the County of Roanoke in the state of Virginia being quite unwell but of sound mind & disposing memory & calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make & ordain this as my last will & testament. First I give unto my son John Lewis my negro man Washington with a request should it meet his approbation that he would give him the liberty of emancipating himself by paying to him the sum of three hundred dollars in three equal annual payments & as a range it that he can remain in the state of Virginia unless he should choose to leave it, this request I make for the regards & esteem I have for this man having ever been to me so faithful & so truly a servant & for his ever showing so tender a regard for me & my welfare also I give to my said son John his bond executed to me for the sum of six hundred dollars with the interest due on said sum at my death, I then I leave to my son Samuel Lewis my negro man Toliver & his choice of my two negro men Pompey & Bill as he may elect also to Gertrude Lewis wife of one of my said son Samuel to leave my burrow & my largest looking glass I then I leave to my two truly friends William Boyde & Andrew Boyde his brother of Botetout County the following property to wit my Negro Woman

Hannah & a Negro boy named Lerman also a negro girl named Mary the two former now living with James S. Woods & once feather bedstead & furniture for the same, nevertheless to be held by the said Boyde their executors or admors or either of them in trust for the entire use maintenance & benefit of James S. Woods & his wife Sarah who is my daughter & their children & hereby desire & direct that my said trustees do permit the said J. S. Woods & his wife to take possession of all & every of the said property herein granted or wills to them by this my will & permit them to hold & enjoy it in that way which they may deem best for their interest & their family but it is directed & specially to be understood that the said Wm & Andrew Boyde trustees as aforesaid shall not suffer any part of the said property herein granted to them their executors or admors to be taken from the said J. S. Woods & family for any money or debts he may now owe or may hereafter contract as my great & only object is to save said property for the use & support of my said daughter Sally Woods & family & to guard her & family against any misfortune that might happen them & not from any disrespect to her husband J. S. Woods, & I do also will & direct that my said daughter Sally shall be permitted to at or before her death to sell & dispose of the entire property herein willed by me for the use & benefit of her & family to all or any of her children as she may see proper & that my said trustees shall permit her to do so, I then I give & bequeath to my daughter Emeline Ingles & to be by her disposed of at her death as she may choose the following property viz; negro woman Jane her two youngest children viz; George Washington & James also my carriage horse, also one bed & furniture also my side board table & chairs but it is to be hereby fully understood & I will & direct it so to be that all & every part of said property as above willed to my said daughter Emeline shall be held in trust by my two friends James L. Carr & Samuel Miller of the County of Dinwiddie & state Virginia & their executors or admors or either of them in the precise manner & for the same purpose & under the same restraints & regulations as is provided for the securing of the property as left for the use & support of my daughter Sally Woods in this my will & that my said trustees James L. Carr & Samuel Miller shall hereby be vested with all & every power which is in this my will given to the trustees in the devise to my daughter Sally Woods & her family, I then I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Pilger the wife of Madison Pilger the following property viz; my Negro boy Newton also a bond due & executed to me by Samuel Miller of Charlestown Dinwiddie County for the amount specified and said bond with its interest excepting the payments thereupon also all the money that is now due or will be due for the hire of my three Negro men for the last year & for the present year ending Xmas next, these several sums I leave to my said son in law Madison Pilger & Eliza Pilger his wife to them & their heirs forever with this exception that said Pilger shall pay from said money left them my Doctors bills expenses attending their my sickness as well as all other debts necessary to be paid for me or that I may justly owe at my death which is at this time very small, I then I leave to the children of my deceased son William Lewis which were one of my two Negro men Bill or Pompey, that my son Saml Lewis may leave, for them, having given him his choice of said two Negroes to each one of said children an equal interest, & that said Negro men be disposed of & employed by their mother in any way she may deem best, to promote the interest of the said children untill the youngest arrives of age, I then I leave to my grand daughter Margaret Lewis daughter of my son John as a token of my love to her, it is further my will & I hereby