

signed, sealed, published & declared
by the Tutor Thomas Riffey as and
for his last will & Testament, in the
presence of us, who in this presence,
of each other, have herunto subscribed
our names as witnesses,
Jacob M. Trout
George H. Miller
William Bersinger

At Roanoke September Court 1854, The last
will and testament of Thomas Riffey deceased was produced in
Court and proved according to law by the oaths of George H.
Miller and Jacob Trout, subscribing witnesses, thereto and is ordered
to be recorded

Teste

A. Johnston

Lucy McLanahan

The last will and testament of Lucy McLanahan
made this 1st day of August 1854, I desire that my Grand daughter
the children of my son Charles be supported out of the proceeds
of my estate, until they shall be otherwise provided for either
by the receipt of a sufficient amount for this purpose from the
estate of their Grand father White or in some other way I wish
also a sufficient sum retained to send the youngest to some
good boarding school for two years, I wish also the college
expenses of their brother John Henry to be paid for the next
two sessions at Hapton Sidney College, including necessary
clothing &c. I also desire that the means be provided out of my
estate, to defray all necessary expenses of his brother, Gilbertson
at some good school for two years, on his return from California,
if he desires it, and employs his time at school profitably in
the estimation of his teachers. Finally, with respect to
the children of my son Charles, I desire that in the division
of what may remain of my estate, the portion to which
he would be entitled, be divided equally among his children,
they to receive their fathers part and all my other children to
receive for themselves an equal share of what may remain.
It is my wish that my sons Duffey & Granville shall not be
separated from their wives, and that in the division or disposition
of the surplus, the dictates of humanity as far as possible, be com-
plied with, in attention to their wishes, and avoiding the separation
of husbands & wives & relatives.

Witness

Wm L. Walton
John H. Riffey
Felix Walton

Lucy McLanahan

Sept 1st 1854

I desire to add to, or alter the provisions of the above will, so far
as to require that the part of my estate to which my daughter Mary
L. White will be entitled, be paid to her ⁱⁿ money, to be used
by herself as she may think proper, not subject to the controul
of her husband, and also that a sufficient sum of money be retained
in the hands of my executor, to support my two old servants, Nelson
and Willy, as long as they may live, In order, that Ellen and her
children may not be separated from her husband, who belongs
to Henry Hurt, I desire provided she wishes it, that they be sold
to him at their fair cash value.

Witness

John H. Riffey
Felix H. White
Lucy J. Tosh

Lucy McLanahan

At Roanoke September Court 1854, This last will
and Testament of Lucy McLanahan deceased, with a Codicil,
thereto attached, was this day produced in Court, and the said
Will was proved according to Law by the oaths of John H. Riffey
and William L. Walton subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Codicil
was proved by the oaths of the said John H. Riffey and Sarah
White subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said will
and Codicil are admitted to Record

Teste

A. Johnston

John Rann

In the name of God Amen, I John Rann of the County
of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing
mind and Memory and being conscious of the uncertainty of life,
and being desirous, to dispose of all such worldly estate as I
possibly do make and ordain, that my last will and Testament
in manner and form as follows: First: I return my soul to
God who gave it, and cheerfully resign my body to the earth,
Touching my worldly estate First, It is my will, and desire
that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Execu-
tor (hereinafter named), out of any money that may come into
his hands belonging to my estate. Secondly - I give and
bequeath unto my son Isaac, and my two daughters Catherine
and Lydia my plantation whereon I now live, containing
two hundred and three acres, be the same more or less, but
it is my express desire that they shall not sell dispose of or
convey to any person the grounds now enclosed as a burying
ground, but that it shall be kept as a family burying ground.
The balance of my said plantation to be equally divided
between my said son Isaac & my two daughters Catherine &
Lydia according to quantity & quality. I also give unto my said
daughter Catherine two of the choice of my milk cows, and one
hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my executor

out of any money that may come into his hands belonging to my estate, and I further give unto my daughter Lydia, two of the second choice of my milk cows; Thirdly; I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Thanks (now the widow of Michael, thanks dead) my plantation, upon which my said daughter Elizabeth (now lives, lying in the County of Botetourt, and containing one hundred acres, be the same more or less, It is my will and intention that my said daughter have full and competent power to sell or dispose of said lands as she may think proper; Fourthly; I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter, Eliza Ann Carlton, (if she be living at my decease), one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid to her, by my Executors out of the first money that comes into her hands, belonging to my estate, but if she should not be living at the time of my death, then I direct, that the one hundred & fifty dollars willed her above, shall be equally divided between my son Isaac, & my two daughters, Catherine and Lydia; Fifthly, After the payment of all the above legacies, I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac, and my two daughters, Catherine & Lydia, all the rest, and residue of my estate, both real and personal, whether consisting of lands, money, tracts, bonds or accounts, to be equally divided between them share and share alike; Sixthly, It is my express wish and will, and I do hereby order and appoint, that if any difficulty dispute, question or controversy, shall arise or happen, concerning any gift legacy bequest, matter or thing, in this my will, given and bequeathed that then no suit or suits, shall be brought to law or equity, for and concerning the same, But the same shall be referred wholly to the awards and determination of two respectable and disinterested men (to be selected by a majority of the legacies, who if they cannot agree, shall choose a third person, who shall hear and determine all matters of difference, between the parties, and what they the difference, shall order direct or determine therein, shall be binding and conclusive to all persons therein concerned; And lastly I do hereby constitute, and appoint my son Isaac, Executor of this my last will and testament, but with the express understanding & direction, that should either of my daughters, Catherine or Lydia, object to his qualifying as my Executor, then and in that case, they my two daughters, shall have the right and I do hereby empower them to select whom they will to act as Executor of this my last will & testament and I do hereby revoke all other or former wills and Testaments by me heretofore made; In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 5th day of November one thousand Eight hundred and fifty.

John Renn *test*

signed sealed published and delivered by John Renn as and for his last will, & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

John Neff
Henry Harat
John ^{his} Harat
John ^{his} McCauley

At Roanoke September Court 1854. This last will, and Testament of John Renn deceased was produced in Court and proved according to Law by the oath of John Harat Henry Harat and John McCauley subscribing witness thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Copy from the records of Court
Teste J. Johnston

November the 15th 1854
John S. Chapman. Know all men to whom this may come that I John S. Chapman of Roanoke City & State of Virginia, being weak of body but of perfect mind for which I thank Almight God, do hereby make this my last will and testament in manner following to wit First; I do hereby will & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Chapman all my personal & real estate of every kind whatsoever that I may at present or hereafter paying all my just debts; do have and to keep together the same to raise & school all my children equal; secondly, that she may at any time give to the children as they become of age such property or money as she may think proper or convenient to give, charging each with whatever she may give with interest when given; I furthermore will and direct that in case my beloved wife should think proper to marry again to which I find no wise object or to become insane or finally at her death, It is my will and wish that on happening of either of these the foregoing contingencies that my property whatever it may be shall be equally divided among at my then living children or their lawful heirs - In order to carry out this my last will I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Nancy Chapman my Executor & my son Nathan Chapman Executor with her as witness whereof I have this the day & date first above written, signed sealed and delivered in presence of witnesses, I John S. Chapman *test*

David Sloan
Benjamin Dyerle
Henry H. Chapman

At Roanoke December Court 1854
This last will and Testament of John S. Chapman deceased was