

John Withers.

In the name of God, amen - I, John Withers of Roanoke County, Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this as my last Will and Testament reaching all others -

1st I desire that all of my just debts be paid, as well as my funeral expenses, out of the first moneys that come into the hands of my Executor herein after named.

2^d I give to my beloved wife Martha Withers, the House & Lot with the appurtenances, on which I am now living, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, all of my stock in trade, and personal property of every kind, including any money that may be on hand and debts due me (except so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the legacy mentioned in the third item of this my Will) for and during her natural life, using and enjoying the same as she may think best for her own comfort, and that of the children she may have with her. And after her death, it is my will and desire, that the said House and Lot and appurtenances thereto belonging, shall be held in fee simple and enjoyed by my three unmarried daughters, Maria, Julia Ann, and Amanda. And in the event of the death of either one of my said daughters, or the marriage of either one of them, the said Lot & appurtenances are to belong to the survivor or survivors of them, so long as they remain single, it being my desire and intention to secure to them a permanent home. But if they should all marry, then it is my will that after the death of my wife, the said House Lot be sold by my Executors, and the proceeds divided equally between my said three daughters, or their lawful heirs.

3^d I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emily Belser, as her share of my Estate, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to be held by my Executors in trust for her separate use, and to be in no way made liable for the debts or subject to the control of her husband Daniel B. Belser. Should my Executors deem it best that the said sum of money should be invested in any manner for the benefit of my said daughter Emily Belser, they are at liberty to do so, but in such case the investment, whatever it be, shall be held in trust by my Executors for the separate use and benefit of my said daughter. If I should in my life time make such an investment for the benefit of my said daughter, it is my will that any sum I may so invest be considered as the share in the division of my Estate intended for my said daughter - After her death the bequest is to come to the benefit of her children equally.

4th After the death of my wife, I wish my son Alfred to be paid the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, to be derived from the collection of debts due to me, or to be paid in money should there be so much on hand, or in personal property, at its appraised value - This sum I give and bequeath to him as his share of my Estate.

5th Any personal property, money, or debt that may remain after my wife's death, over and above providing for the foregoing Legacies I wish to be equally divided amongst my three single daughters before mentioned.

6th Having already given my daughter Francis McLane what I consider as her share of my Estate, I make no further provision for her.

I hereby appoint my son Alfred Withers, and my daughter Maria Withers the Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand and seal the 13th day of May 1856.
Subscribed by us in the presence of
John Withers, and signed and acknowledged by him in our presence, writing present at the same time.

John Withers



W. Johnston
B. Keagy

At Roanoke County Court, January Term 1859.

The last Will and Testament of John Withers deceased was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law by the oaths of W. Johnston and Benjamin Keagy subscribing witnesses thereto, and therefore the said Will and Testament is admitted to record.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste W. McCauley Clerk

John Renk.

I, John Renk of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia being of sound and disposing mind and memory but being admonished by bodily disease that I cannot long remain on earth, and being desirous to dispose of of such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with while yet I may; do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form as follows.

First: - I direct that my Executors shall pay out of my Estate all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Second I will that my Beloved Wife shall have one third of this Tract of Land on which I am reside with all my Household and Kitchen furniture so long as she remains to be my widow she shall also have one cow.

Thirdly My son William shall have this tract of Land with all the balance of my stock, shop tools and farming utensils &c. there is one Bond of Fifty Dollars and bearing interest on John Ellis which if not collected during my life which shall be equally divided between my Beloved Wife and my son William.

Fourthly I direct that my son William Renk shall pay Twenty Dollars to each of the balance of my Children as they arrive to the age of Twenty or years as follows (viz) to Elizabeth Renk Twenty Dollars to Catharine Renk \$20 - to Sally Renk \$20. to Annanah Renk \$20 - Anna Renk \$20. to Magdalene Renk \$20. to Francis Renk \$20. and to David Renk Twenty Dollars these are all my children.

Fifthly and lastly I appoint my nephew John Brubaker as the Executor of all my estate and acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have this day signed with my hand and seal this 23rd day of November 1848.

Witness Names Joel Brubaker
Isaac Hurlburt Henry Keffey

John Renk



At Reaske County Court, February Term 1869.

The last Will and Testament of John Rock deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the solemn affirmation of Isaac Hensburger one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Joel Brubaker and Henry Riffy the other attesting witnesses being beyond the limits of the Commonwealth, John Brubaker solemnly affirmed and depose that he was well acquainted with the handwriting of the said witnesses and that he believed the said signatures to be the true signatures of the said Joel Brubaker and Henry Riffy. Whereupon the said Will is ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste W^m McCauley Clerk.

Charles Thomas. I Charles Thomas of the county of Reaske and State of Virginia being sound in mind and good bodily health but well stricken in years and being desirous of making a distribution of my Property do make this my last Will and Testament.

I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth Thomas all my Lands during her life with all the profits and proceeds as much as she desires but if she does not wish it or need it then it shall go to my two sons Benjamin F. Thomas and George W. Thomas. I also will to my wife Elizabeth Thomas three Negroes namely one man William and two women Abiger and Eliza to hold during her life, and all the household furniture to be distributed amongst the children as she may think proper. I also will that she shall have two good Horses with necessary feeding and necessary Farming Tools as she may select also two good mitch cows and as many Hogs as she may need.

I will to my son Josiah W. Thomas Three Hundred & Thirty five dollars.

To my son James B. Thomas One Hundred & Forty Eight Dollars.

To my son William Thomas Three Hundred & five dollars.

To my son John B. Thomas Five Hundred & Two dollars.

To my son Charles M. Thomas One Hundred dollars.

To my son Elias D. Thomas Three Hundred & five dollars.

To my son Samuel W. Thomas Seven Hundred & forty five dollars.

To each & all in money or property at its cash valuation, to make them equal with my eldest son David G. Thomas.

All the remainder of my Property not otherwise provided for shall be equally divided between my eight eldest sons namely David G. Josiah W. James B. William, John B. Charles M. Elias D. and Samuel W. Thomas, except Five Hundred dollars that my son James B. Thomas owes my son Samuel W. Thomas if the said James B. Thomas fails to pay to the said Samuel W. Thomas the aforesaid Bond of Five Hundred dollars then Samuel W. Thomas shall receive so much of the said James B. Thomas interest as shall pay the Five Hundred dollar Bond.

I will to my two youngest sons Benjamin F. and George W. Thomas all my Lands at their mother's death or Relinquishment. I also will to my

son Benjamin F. Thomas one Negro Girl named Lucy, and to my son George W. Thomas one Negro Girl, Harriet. I also will that at the death of my wife Elizabeth Thomas that the Three Negroes willed to her with their issue if any shall be equally divided between my eight eldest sons namely David G. Josiah W. James B. William, John B. Charles M. Elias D. and Samuel W. Thomas.

I appoint my son David G. Thomas as my Administrator without giving security.

Witness my hand & seal this 9th May 1868.

Witness

A. J. Dugels

Thos H. Barnes

Jan R. Taylor.

Charles Thomas (Seal)

Reaske County, to wit.

Codicil.

This Supplement made & subscribed to this 26th day of March 1869, The Property & Bequest in the foregoing Will to make up the several amounts mentioned to make my children equal having consisted in negro slaves which have since been set free the amounts cannot now be paid. I now confirm & will to my two sons Benjamin F. & George W. Thomas all my remaining Lands as originally intended without any liability to pay over any amount whatever to any of my other children.

I also will them the said Benjamin F. & George W. all my personal property on the place. It will not now be necessary to have an administration but if necessary my two sons Benjamin F. & George W. shall administer without security.

Witness my hand & seal this day & date as above written.

Teste

A. J. Dugels

James Stewart

James R. Taylor.

Charles Thomas (Seal)

At Reaske County Court, June Term 1869.

The last Will and Testament of Charles Thomas deceased was this day produced in Court, together with a certified true and correct copy of the said Will was proved according to law by the oaths of A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Thomas H. Barnes the other subscribing witness, being dead, the said A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor depose that they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the said witness and that they believed the said signature to be the true signature of the said Thomas H. Barnes.

And the said Codicil was proved according to law by the oaths of the said A. J. Dugels and James R. Taylor two subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon the said Will and Codicil thereto annexed is ordered to be recorded, the said Will having affixed thereto duly cancelled United States Internal Revenue stamps of the value of Three Dollars & fifty cents.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste Isaac L. Hunt Clerk