

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 Hearst
John ^{his} Hearst
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 Hearst Henry Hearst and John McCauley subscribing witness thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Copy from the records of Court
Lestw. 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 by power of (after 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

produced in Court and proved according to Law by the oaths of David Sloan, Benjamin Deyard, and Henry St. Chapman, subscribing witnesses, thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

Teste

J. Johnston

John Smith.

I John Smith of Roanoke County and state of Va. being in a low state of health but sound in mind and understanding, do make and constitute this my last will and testament; Item; it is my will that my property shall be kept together for five years, except the perishable part, such as stock farming utensils, crop, household furniture &c. My negroes may be hired out for that term except that portion otherwise disposed of in this my will, but if my executor after settling my estate shall deem it ~~necessary~~ he may make the disposition of my estate as hereafter directed in this my will; Item; I give to Elizabeth Riffed one thousand dollars a portion of which must be paid enough for her support previous to settlement of my estate and the balance when the estate is settled I also give her one negro girl named Saranell, who is to be put in her possession as soon as arrangements can be made after my decease; Item; I give all my land except forty acres of the upper end to my two sons, Washing and John to be equally divided leaving my friend James Goodwin as Trustee; for my son Washington to take care of all the property herein left for the benefit of my son Washington and his family; Item; I leave forty for the benefit of my son Washington and family; Item; I give Clifford Stance and Charles to my son John; I ~~leave~~ leave Bob for the benefit of my daughter Polly Humphree, and children my son John to act as trustee and take care of all that shall be left to her in this my will; Item; I give to my daughter Milly Gordon's children one seventh part of all that portion not otherwise disposed of in this my will; Item; I give to my daughter Sarah Riddle Red and her equal portion not otherwise disposed of in this my will; Item; I give to my daughter Nancy Thompson Phillips Rhoda and her son Dick and her share of other property not herein named; Item; I give to my son Absoloms children forty acres of land off of the upper end of my land and joining the land on which my son wife America Smith now lives the line to run North and South together with equal portions that is not herein disposed of; Item; I give to my grand daughter Nancy Mc Gargo two hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executor when my estate shall be settled and she shall be of lawful age or married, and that shall be her share, my son John I leave as trustee for my daughter Milly's children, after my estate is settled it is my will that all the effects not otherwise disposed of shall be equally divided between all

the heirs except my grand daughter whose share is named, or is also my will that my Executors, shall hold enough in their hands for the support and comfort of the two old negroes and see that they do not suffer for the necessities of life wish for them to stay in the place; I do nominate and appoint my son John Smith, to be my Executor of this my last will and testament, also Robert Lewis senr. I publish and declare this and none other to be my last will and testament, as witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal, the sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty four
John Smith (Seal)

Teste
Samuel Phillips senr.
Benj. Faris.
Robert Lewis senr.

At Roanoke December Court 1854; This last will and testament of John Smith decd. was produced in Court and proved according to Law by the oaths of Samuel Phillips senr. Benjamin Faris, and Robert Lewis Jr. and admitted to record
A Copy from the Record of Court
Teste J. Johnston

Sarah Burnett.

In the name of God Amen; I Sarah Burnett of the County of Roanoke and state of Virginia, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows; To wit; 1st I desire after my death that my body be decently buried, and the expenses attendant, as well as all my just debts, be paid out of my estate; 2nd I give to my brother Absalom Smith all my flock of sheep, which may belong to me at my death; 3rd I give to my grand son Byrd Allen Robertson two hundred dollars (\$200); 4th I give to Sarah Burnett Robertson, daughter of my grand son Byrd Allen Robertson twenty five dollars (\$25); 5th I give to Mr. America Smith, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 6th I give to Martha Smith, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 7th I give to Mrs. Martha Smith, my sister in Law, and who is also the wife of Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 8th I give to Mrs. Sarah Reynolds my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother Absalom Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 9th I give to Mrs. Sarah Russell, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother John Smith twenty five dollars (\$25); 10th I give to Mrs. Mary Humphrie, my niece, and who is also the daughter of my brother John Smith, twenty five dollars (\$25); 11th I give to Mrs. Sarah Booring my niece and who is, also the daughter of my