

line to be laid off on the lower end of the tract adjoining & north of the lands of Jacob Frantz & Bolser Dingleline. To begin on a line of mine running with Michael Trout across the road leading up from my meadow past the spring where Michael Speagle gets his water at a point on said line, so as to include the said spring & on to Peters Creek near & above where the preaching stands was on the old Camp grounds & there to corner & to run from thence a straight line to the back line of the lands willed to my daughter Peggy Lowry or any other of my outside lines so as to make the one hundred acres, the same to be laid off by my Executors & should my said Grandson die before he arrives of age or without lawfull issue saids lands shall be sold & the money equally divided amongst his surviving brothers & sisters. I will to my youngest daughter Hannah now living with me, to her & her heirs forever all that part of the lands where I now live including the buildings with the exception of the 200 acres herein willed to my daughter Peggy Lowry & the 100 acres as willed to my grand son G. L. Moyers also give to her my Negro girl Mary, which lands & Negro girl shall constitute her entire part of my estate both real & personal except her bed & chamber, which she is to have. I will to my son John Grounds the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to him by my Executors as soon after my decease as may be convenient to pay it which shall be taken & received by him as all that part of my estate both real & personal which I intended him to have, he having left me in early life & in a manner displeasing to me & now rambling through the woods I know not where. I direct that none of my children or in their husbands shall pay or be charged with any articles or property of any kind which I may have given them at the time of their marriage or since except that for which I have paid in cash to them & for them & for which I have their bonds which is to be charged to each of them as a part of their portion of my estate left them but without charging them with any interest on their several bonds since they were received by me. I further direct that William Fizer my son in law whom I gave or let have some time after his marriage a considerable more I therefore will that he be charged with one hundred dollars for the same on settlement with the estate. I will & bequeath to Samuel Britty who married my daughter Catherine one equal fourth part of the remaining part of my estate not heretofore willed with the exception of my Negroes, which estate consists in money, & bonds on various persons & all the stock & other property belonging to me at my decease. I will to my three sons in law David Moyers, William Fizer, & Lewis Circle to each of them or their heirs one equal fourth part with Samuel Britty of the remaining part of my estate not heretofore willed consisting of money bonds &c. as mentioned in the devise to Samuel Britty, it being my desire that these four sons in law should have an equal share and the remaining part my estate with the exception of my Negroes which Negroes I will as follows viz To David Moyers & his heirs two Negro boys Ellick, & Eljah, & my Negro girl Sally, & to William Fizer I give my Negro girl Millyann & my Madison, I also give to Lewis Circle my man Dancy & the two girls Quady, & Nancy & the old woman Polly & her now youngest child a boy — those Negroes with their future increase I give to the several legates to whom they are left & to their several heirs forever, and whereas upon reflection the lands as directed to be laid off to my daughter Peggy Lowry the lines may not take in a spring on the south side the plantation called Myers Spring laying up the hollow above the plant beds grounds I direct that

if my Executors on laying off her said 200 acres of lands should find that the line as directed to be run will not take in the said spring that they run the line from the branch after cutting it from the two acre field so as to include the said spring & from thence to the back line for the quantity. I then I will & direct that should I not pale in the grave yards in my orchards during my life time I direct that my Executors shall have it done out of goods substantial materials & supply good stones for the heads & foot of each grave of my family & pay the expense of doing the same out of any money I may leave before a division is made of it to the legates. I further will & direct that my Executors shall settle their accounts touching my estate once in each year with the County Court of Roanoke & I further will & direct that any difference of opinion arising between any of my legates touching their Estates contained in this my Will that the matter shall be left to the decision of two or three good men chosen by the parties whose decision shall be binding & final between the parties & a refusal of any one or more of my legates to settle their dispute in this way shall amount to an entire forfeit of any interest they might have from this my Will in my estate and lastly I do hereby constitute nominate & appoint my two sons in law David Moyers & Lewis Circle Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other will or wills heretofore made by me in any manner whatever & confirming this to be my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands & affixed my seal this 28th day of December 1841

Signed sealed & acknowledged by
Geo. Grounds as & for his last will & Testament
before us as witnesses at his instance
J. M. Clanchan
Abner Pitty
Jacob Shantz
Jas Woods

George Grounds (Seal)

At a Court held for Roanoke County on the 17th day of January 1842 The last will and testament of George Grounds dec^d was proven by the oath of Elijah McClanahan &c. witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Lewis Circle and David Moyers Executors therein named who made oath and together with Joseph Deyler, Abraham Stutler, Abner Pitty James Lowry and James Woods their security entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$40,000 conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted to them for obtaining a probate of the will in due form
Copy True. Saml W Yates D.C.

Jonathan Evans

I Jonathan Evans of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows. I then I direct that all my just debts shall be paid by my executor and if the debts due me and the proceeds of the sale of my perishable property not specifically bequeathed be insufficient for that purpose my executor is authorized to sell so much of my other estate real and personal as may be necessary. I then I will, bequeath & devise, to the children of Sarah Barber properly called Sarah McNeal which said children as heirs after named I do hereby acknowledge as my children by Sarah Barber

properly called Sarah McNeal, and is named as follows viz Jane, Juliana, Elizabeth, Matilda, Lucinda, John, & Sarah, all my estate, both real and personal to be divided among my said children as hereinafter directed, subject to such provisions as I shall hereinafter, make chargeable upon my estate. Item 3^d I give & devise to my son John by Sarah Carper properly called Sarah McNeal, all my lands in Masons Cove, to him and his heirs for ever, the lands devised my son to be leased or rented out until my son arrives at the age of Twenty one years and the rent applied to his education. I also give & devise to my said son the following Slaves to him and his heirs forever, named as follows viz Bob Leonard; & William said slaves devised my son to work on my lands until he arrives of age as hereinafter directed. Item 4th To my daughter, by Sarah Carper, properly called Sarah McNeal, and named as follows viz Jane, Juliana, Elizabeth, Matilda, Lucinda, & Sarah, I give & devise, to them and their heirs for ever, the lands on which I reside and the lands I got from the division of my brother Thomas Evans Estate, To my daughter Jane I give & devise the following female slave Priscilla aged about two years with her future increase, to her and her heirs for ever, to my daughter Juliana, Elizabeth, Matilda, Lucinda, & Sarah, I give and devise, all my Slaves not devised to my son & daughter, before mentioned to be equally divided among my said daughters, to them and their heirs for ever, it is my will & desire, that the Lands devised my daughters & the slaves devised my son and daughter be worked on said Lands until my son arrives of age, and the profits arising from the cultivation of the Lands & the labour of the Slaves to be applied, as hereinafter directed. The Lands devised my daughters to be equally divided among them except such land as I shall hereafter reserve, in the Lands will be my daughters and that as soon as the reservation shall cease, to be equally divided as before stated. Item 5th I will & desire that the profits arising from the cultivation of my home place and the lands I got from my brother's Estate with the labour of the slaves on said Lands be equally divided among my children Jane, Juliana, Elizabeth, Matilda, Lucinda, John & Sarah, and their mother, Sarah Carper properly called Sarah McNeal, until my son John arrives at the age of Twenty one years, To enable my farm to be cultivated and my slaves worked to advantage, on the Lands devised my daughters; it is my will & desire, that my children & Sarah McNeal, reside on my said Lands; and that my crop of Grain, Stock, of every kind & Horses, farming implements, house hold & kitchen furniture remaining on my said Lands; and that my crop of Grain, Stock, of every kind & Horses, farming implements, house hold & kitchen furniture, remaining on my said Lands until the time previously specified; when I wish a sale made and equally divided, among my said children & Sarah Carper properly called Sarah McNeal; that is all my grain, Stock, & Horses, & farming implements &c., Item 6th It is my will & desire, that out of the lands devised my daughters on the arrival of my son at the age of Twenty one - that my Executor herein after named shall cause, to be laid off Fifty acres of lands including the buildings in which I now reside, &c, which shall be set apart for the use & support of Sarah Carper properly called Sarah McNeal as long as she remains unmarried, If she ever marry she is to enjoy the same under the direction and control, of my said Executor, as long as she may live - At her death or marriage, the said Lands shall be divided among my daughters as before directed. Item 7th It is my will & desire, that all money Bonds notes & accounts due me, be collected & placed out at interest, my executor is hereby authorized should the funds, set apart for the

education of my son prove inadequate, that he use any funds belonging to my said Estate; for the purpose of giving my son John such an education as my said executor may think proper; and my said Executor shall direct manage & control the education of my said son, The interest arising from funds placed out may be applied to the support of my children & Sarah McNeal, should it be deemed necessary by my executors, should the profits of the Lands & labour of the slaves with the interest arising from what is due me, prove insufficient for their support then a part or such sum as may be necessary may be drawn from any sums put out at interest as in the discretion of my executor, will support them until my son arrives of age; at that time it is my wish that my Executor divide, the funds directed to be loaned out, among my children equally viz Jane, Juliana, Elizabeth, Matilda, Lucinda, John & Sarah. Item 8th It is my will & desire that should any of my children named in this will die without issue, their share to be divided among my surviving children and the same shall be divided equally. Item 9th It is my will & desire, that should any of my daughters named marry before my son John arrives of age then and in that event, it is my wish that their share of the profits arising from the cultivation of the farm & the labour of the slaves on the same, be annually paid over to them until the time specified for a division takes place, If my son John should die, before he arrives of age, then it is my will & desire that all my property remain together until my youngest daughter Sarah arrives of age, & the part devised my son John should he die before he arrives of age, without leaving a legal heir or heirs then & in that event, if he die without issue, all the Lands & slaves devised him to be equally divided among his sisters but should he leave issue all I have devised my son shall go to his heirs. Item 10th I do hereby appoint my friend John W Thompson of Botetourt County Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me, and I do hereby request that my said Executor, act as Guardian for my said children; and he is hereby clothed with all power necessary to carry out my wish in acting for my said children. It is my wish & desire that the Court require no security of my Executor, as I have every confidence, in the faithful discharge of the duties enjoined on my said Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands & affixed my seal this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 1842. signed sealed published & declared by Jonathan Evans as for his last will & testament in the presence & hearing of us who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

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L Campbell
David Stoner
Samuel Stoner.

At a Court held for Roanoke County on the 20th day of June 1842 the last will and Testament of Jonathan Evans Deceased was proven by the oaths of Leroy Campbell &c. witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded and on the motion of John W Thompson Executor therein named who made oath thereto and no security being required of him entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$20,000 Dollars conditioned as the law directly certifier is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form

Teste,

Saml W. Jones S.C.