

her dower at Common law if she shall so elect and it is further my will that my said dear wife shall have the guardianship and tutelage of all the remainders of my Children during their minority so long as she shall remain single and in case of her death or Marriage during the minority of such of my Children, then I will and appoint my aforesaid friends, Eben Nelson and my son Charles Sunsford the said guardianship and I earnestly entreat their utmost care respecting in and about the morals and education of my Children and desire that they may be brought up and instructed in the doctrine and religion of the Christians And to effectuate this my intention I do hereby vest in my executors full power and Authority to sell all my real estate lying and being in the County of Bedford and Lancaster Virginia for its reasonable Value for ready money or in such Credit as they may think best and the money arising from such sale or sale, to be loaned out and the amount thereof secured in such manner as is usual in like cases and the interest arising therefrom & the surplus proceeds of any thereof, arising from the plantation lying in the said County of Roanoke and the labour of my Negroes are to be applied to the education of my Children last mentioned Also I direct that if either of my blind Children Mary that they are no longer to be supported out of my Estate as herein first mentioned but are to be equal share with my other Children and that after the death of my said three blind Children or their Marriage, or the decease of my beloved wife that all my real Estate of which I shall die possessed of and all my personal property of every kind except my Negroes be sold by my Executors for ready money or upon a Credit as they may think best, and the money arising therefrom with the above named Negroes be equally divided between all my Children, share and share alike And lastly I do hereby make and ordain my co-termined friends, Eben Nelson and my son Charles Sunsford, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I Thomas Sunsford have to this my last will set my hand and seal this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1848

Teste
Wm. McQuinn

Wm. B. Dwyer

Thomas L. Bush

Thos. Sunsford (Seal)

At Roanoke December Court 1862

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Sunsford deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of William B. Dwyer William McQuinn and Thomas L. Bush, subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Teste

J. Johnston Clerk

P. H. Snyder. In the name of God amen. I P. H. Snyder of the county of Roanoke and state of Virginia do make this my last will and testament, to wit - After all of my just and lawful debts are paid, I will and bequeath to my Brother Four Hundred dollars besides what she now owes me. And to my half brother John B. and Eli. C. each one hundred dollars a piece and my Mother Mary Snyder formerly Mary Alcorn to have the benefit of it so long as they continue to stay with her. And to my sister Maria Vinard Two hundred dollars to dispose of as she may wish. And to my sister, Louisa M. Vinard. Two hundred dollars. To dispose of as she may wish. And to my son, Abraham, Richard, Robert, B. Eliza, James, and Sally I. I will and bequeath to them there freeborn, and after all of my part of my father's Estate is collected, I will will and bequeath to my son, above mentioned, all of the money that is left after my just debts are paid and what I have willed to my Mother, Two half Brothers and my two sisters, to be equally divided among my six servants. I appoint John Astbury as my executor. Witness my hand and seal this the 17th day of July 1861

John Astbury
L. Bogan
Abraham X Regaway
mark

At Roanoke November Court 1862
The last Will and Testament of Patterson H. Snyder deceased, was this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of S. F. Simmons & John Astbury that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said P. H. Snyder deceased, and that the said Will and signature thereto are wholly in his handwriting - and the said Will is thereupon admitted to record

Teste
J. Johnston Clerk

Joseph H. Johnston

I Joseph H. Johnston of the city of Natchez state of Mississippi being aware of the uncertainty of life and being now of sound disposing mind do make this my last will and testament renouncing all other heretofore made. I will all of my just debts be first paid. 2nd I will all the balance of my estate both real and personal to my nephew Daniel C. Shanks of the county of Roanoke state of Virginia with the following directions - that he take charge of the same without administration, that he will carry on or wind up the present business in New Orleans & Natchez as he may think best. He is authorized to buy all or Exchange, all any thing which he may think to the interest of the

as I have the most implicit confidence in him and do not wish him restricted, and when around up to make the
in the Clerk's Office following distribution of the same. 1st I will David O
of Roanoke County, Shanks, the same above mentioned. One Fourth of the entire
Estate, the 1st day of Estate.

2nd I will to each of my sisters Susan Shanks, Elizabeth Lea, Ann Earnest, Lucy Johnston widow of my brother William
October 1867, the same having been of five thousand dollars each. I shall the balance of my
Estate be divided between my nephews and nieces that may
the penalty, remitted be living at the time, share & share alike, but should any of
by C. B. Johnston them be placed in such a situation that they cannot control the
of the 5th Dist. same for their support, then I wish the amt. may be so placed
of 1st on the 31st day as to go to their support. As the business is a very large
4 July 1867 one and will take time to wind it up. I do not wish S. O.
Ent. Shanks to be restricted in any way. Any one or more of the heirs
Mr McCauley C. complaining he shall not receive any portion of the estate. Nor
shall any heir be allowed to sell his interest in the Estate
but shall wait the distribution. Owing to the immensity of the
business that will devolve upon S. O. Shanks he shall receive a
compensation for the same, that to be left to Commercial men as
they are acquainted with such matters. But should any thing
occur that it would be necessary for to administer upon my estate
in that event I hereby appoint S. O. Shanks and clothe him
with as full power to do as was possible without giving security in the Bond.

I wish the remains of my beloved brother George W. Johnston
to whom I was greatly attached be removed to the family burying
ground in Virginia and a suitable monument erected to his memory
regardless of expense. As witness my hand and seal this the
31st June 1863
J. H. Johnston Seal

Virginia. — At a Court held for the county
of Roanoke on the 27th day of October 1863. A paper purporting
to be the last Will & Testament of Joseph H. Johnston did, was
this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of Jonathan
George W. Shanks and Frederick Johnston, that they are
acquainted with the handwriting of the said Joseph H. Johnston
did, and that the said paper bears annexed and the signature
thrusts, and wholly in the handwriting of the said Joseph H. Johnston
did, and therefore the said paper is admitted to probate — as the
last will & Testament of Joseph H. Johnston. And David C.
Shanks, the Executor therein named who made oath thereto (in
security being required of him) entered into and acknowledged a bond
in the penalty of One Hundred thousand Dollars with condition
according to law — and certificate is granted him to obtain letters of
administration in due form — Leave is also granted him to both
draw the original Will after the same shall have been recorded
Teste

J. H. Johnston Clerk

Elizabeth C.
Purser
1860
Shanks

This Will exhibited
in the Clerk's Office of
Roanoke County Court
on the 27th day of October 1867
the same having been
duly stamped, cannot
be used the penalty re
mitted by the Court
of the 5th Dist. of Va.
the 31st July 1867.
J. H. Johnston

I, Elizabeth C. Provinger of the County of Roanoke, being of sound
mind and disposing memory, and being desirous to dispose of such estate
as I am the owner and possessor of, do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament.
1st It is my wish and desire that all my just debts shall be paid.
2nd To my sister Sophia W. P. Farrell I devise and bequeath during
his natural life all the estate both real and personal of which I may
be possessed, except such money, bonds, or debts as may be due and
due at the time of my death, which money, bonds or debts due, I wish
shall be appropriated by my said sister Sophia, to the proper educa-
tion of my grandson Wm. H. Roberts — and should the said Wm. H.
die before he becomes 21 years of age, and the fund herein at propo-
sed is not exhausted I wish my sister Sophia to appropriate said
fund, equally for the education of the education of the children of
my son Wm. H. Roberts.

3rd After the death of my said sister Sophia, I desire and wish
that the real estate which I have herein before devised to my said
sister shall vest in and belong to the children which my son Wm. H.
Roberts and Mary Jane Roberts his wife may have now or may here-
after have. And I desire that my son Wm. H. Roberts and Mary Jane
his wife or the survivor of them, so long as the said Mary Jane shall
remain unmarried provide the entire her husband Wm. H. Roberts,
shall manage and control said property, for the support maintenance
and education of their said children and the support of the said
Wm. H. Roberts and his wife Mary Jane. But that said estate shall
not be made liable for the debts of the said Wm. H. Roberts or Mary
Jane Roberts, being my wish that only interest my son Wm. H. Roberts
and his wife shall have in said estate is to be a support.

4th After the death of my sister Sophia I will and bequeath my per-
sonal property to my grandson Wm. H. Roberts and that he shall
have the possession of said property, provided my said grandson then
be twenty one years of age. But if at that time the said Wm. H. is
not 21 years of age, I wish that my son Wm. H. and his wife shall
have the possession and use of said property, until my grandson
Wm. H. shall arrive at the age of 20 years — And if my grandson
Wm. H. Roberts shall die before he becomes of age, I wish that the
said property shall belong to the other children of William H. Roberts
as provided for the other property, and subject to the provisions of the
5th section of this Will.

5th I hereby authorize my sister Sophia at any time she may deem
proper to sell the negro woman Malinda whom I now own and
against the proceeds of said sale in another negro woman, or pay
the money at interest at her discretion. Should my sister Sophia
not sell said negro woman during her lifetime or should she sell
said woman, and purchase another woman with the proceeds of said
sale — then at her death I wish the said negro woman Malinda
or the negro woman purchased with the proceeds of said sale
to be taken possession of by Wm. H. Roberts and Mary Jane his wife subject to the
provisions and for the purposes directed in the 5th section of this Will.