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immediately after my death, and the others as they may become of age,
with the exception of my daughter Anna wife of Michael Hart whose
portion I desire my executors shall retain in their possession to be managed
as they may think best for the benefit of herself and children as long
as she may live and after her death to be equally divided among the
children; I wish my wife to have the dower to which she would be
entitled by Law. I hereby appoint my son John Trout, and my son
in-law Peter Shaver my executors

Gived under my hand this first day of June 1850
Wm. Richardson George Trout

John H. Griffin
John Neff
Benjamin Keagy
Michael Miller

At Roanoke July Court 1850. The last will &
testament of George Trout deceased was this day produced in Court
and proved by the oaths of John H. Griffin, Michael Miller & John
Neff, subscribing witness thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.
And on the motion of John Trout & Peter Shaver, the executors
therin named, who made oath thereto and together with Michael
Miller, John Neff, Henry Shaver, and Benjamin Keagy their
sureties, entered into & acknowledged a bond in the penalty of
\$2000, with condition according to law, certificate is therefore
granted them for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form

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Teste *P. Johnston*

W^m Richardson of the County of Roanoke
and State of Virginia do make and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by
me at any time heretofore made; And first I direct that my body
be decently interred and that my funeral conducted in a manner
corresponding with my estate and situation in life and as to
such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me
with I dispose of the same as follows, First, I direct that all
my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after
my decease as possible out of the first moneye that shall come
to the hands of my executors hereafter named from any portion
of my estate. Secondly, I give unto my beloved wife Nancy Richardson
during her lifetime one third of all my estate both real and personal.
Thirdly, And it is further my will that Joseph Duckwiler keep and
hold the horse beast the cow and calf which I gave and delivered
to him at the time of his marriage with my daughter Lucinda
who is now dead, the said horse beast and cow & calf was valued
by me at eighty five dollars and further to effectuate my intention
fully I do hereby direct that the above named Joseph Duckwiler
receive no further portions of my estate in County. I hereby bequeath

To my children Greenbury Richardson & Elizabeth Keagy, John S. Richardson,
Lewis W. Richardson, Phoeby Richardson Joel Richardson Nancy Richardson
and Sarah Richardson, each of them one horse beast a cow and calf
valued to eighty five dollars a piece and in order to prevent any difficulty in
the settlement of my estate I hereby state that Elizabeth Keagy, John S. Richardson
Joel Richardson have each one of them received their horse beast, cow and
calf at eighty five dollars. Phoeby Richardson has received sixty five dollars
in cash in place of a horse, & a cow & calf. Greenbury Richardson and
Lewis W. Richardson each of them have received a horse at sixty five
dollars, also I direct that after the above special legacies by me made are
paid off that is Greenbury Richardson & Lewis W. Richardson have each
one of them received a cow & calf, and Nancy Richardson & Sarah
Richardson each one of them have received one horse, beast and a cow
and calf apiece worth eighty five dollars. Then I direct that all the residue
of my personal estate, of every kind except my negro, of which I shall
die seized or possessed of - shall be sold by my executor at public auction
upon a credit of twelve months. I also direct that all my lands property
and also my negro to wit Irena, my negro woman & her five children
her increase if any she may have be sold by my executor at public
auction twelve months after my decease on such credit as he may
think best not to exceed twelve or 18 months and the amount thereof
secured in such manner as is usual in like case to ensure the full
and punctual payment thereof and the money arising from such
sale I hereby bequeath to my beloved children to wit, Greenbury Richardson
Elizabeth Keagy, John S. Richardson, Lewis W. Richardson, Phoeby
Richardson, Joel Richardson, Nancy Richardson, and Sarah
Richardson to be equally divided amongst them as soon as it can
be done share and share alike having particular regard to the special
bequests made by me herein to my beloved wife and lastly I do hereby
make and ordain my son Lewis W. Richardson executor of this
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I William Richardson
have to this my will set my hand and seal this fifth day of June in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty (1850)
W^m M^r Gremed

William Richardson seal
mark

S. Wright
Sarah F. Brady

At Roanoke August Court 1850, The last will
and testament of William Richardson deceased was this day produced
in Court, and duly proved by the oaths of William M^r Gremed &
Solomon Wright, subscribing witness thereto, and is ordered to be
recorded.

Teste

P. Johnston

Lewis Francisca

In the name of God Amen, I Lewis Francisca
of the County of Roanoke being now old and well stricken in years;
but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God,
and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous

To dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following that it to say:

I^t is to debt & thank God I owe but very little, and therefore shall give my Executor little trouble on that score, & I give to my ever beloved wife Elizabeth Frances, her one half part of my estate both real and personal during her natural life, & I give and bequeath to my four sons, namely George Francis, John Francis, Lewis Francis Jr., and Garner Francis their equal parts of the tract of land on which I now live together with all the several entries which have been entered and surveyed in my name, adjoining the same or in any wise belonging to the same, which I give to them and their heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Hypes (formerly Sarah Francis), 5th I give to my two daughters viz. Elizabeth Francis and Margaret Francis the sum of two hundred dollars each, to be paid by my four sons viz. George Francis, John Francis, Lewis Francis and Garner Francis at the expiration of five years after my decease, which sum of two hundred dollars each I give to them and their heirs forever, I also desire and request that my four sons hereinbefore named shall allow my two daughters viz. Elizabeth Francis and Margaret Francis a comfortable dwelling place, on the lands which I have herein before bequeathed to them and their heirs; further that they allow them the privilege of keeping a small stock of cattle, sheep, hogs &c as they have done heretofore, so long as they shall remain unmarried I desire that my two daughters Elizabeth Francis and Margaret Francis may either live with their brothers herein before named, or in a house apart from them, which ever circumstances, & their reasonable choice shall render most expedient so long as they remain unmarried. I give to my son Jacob Francis the sum of fifty dollars which is to be paid by my daughter Sarah Hypes (formerly Sarah Francis), at the expiration of five years after my decease which sum of fifty dollars I give to him and his heirs forever. I give to my daughter Mary Hypes (formerly Mary Francis), the sum of fifty dollars, which is to be paid by my daughter Sarah Hypes (formerly Sarah Francis), at the expiration of five years after my decease, which sum of fifty dollars I give to her and her heirs forever. I give to my son Christopher Francis the sum of one dollar, to him and his heirs forever. All the rest of my estate both real and personal, of what nature or kind soever it may be, not hereinbefore particularly disposed of, I desire may be equally divided among six of my children viz. Elizabeth Francis, George Francis, John Francis, Lewis Francis Jr. Garner Francis and Margaret Francis, which I give to them and their heirs forever. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Lewis Francis, my Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one signed sealed published and declared as } Lewis Francis L T (real mark)

Alexander Laroe
John Hively
Samuel Lester

Septem^r court At Roanoke October 1850: The last Will & Testament of Lewis Francis sen^r was this day produced in Court and offered for probate by Lewis Francis Jr. the Executor herein named; And whereupon Christopher Francis and Jacob Francis by their attorneys opposed the probat of said Will and asked to be intituled defendants to the motion, which was done; and by consent of parties the motion is continued until January Court next. And at Roanoke January Court 1851 CR paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Lewis Francis sen^r bearing date the 5th day of October 1841 was this day again produced in Court by Lewis Francis Jr. the Executor herein named, in order to be proved. And Christopher Francis & Jacob Francis, together with Mary Hypes formerly Mary Francis, appeared & opposed the proof of the said Will, whereupon Alex and Laroe, Samuel Lester & John Hively the three subscribing witnesses said Will and diverse other witnesses were sworn & examined, and the parties of record by their counsel fully heard. On consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the said Lewis Francis died at the time of executing the writing aforesaid dated the 5th day of October 1841 was of sound and disposing mind & memory and that he was under no undue influence in doing said writing having been proved according to law by the oaths of Samuel Lester and John Hively, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto it is therefore ordered that the said writing be recorded as and for the last Will & Testament of Lewis Francis sen^r.

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P. F. Johnston Esq.

Charles Oliver

In the name of God, Amen, I Charles Oliver of the County of Roanoke & State of Virginia, being aged & of feeble health but of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding, being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do therefore make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner & form following: that is to say; First & principally, I direct that all my just debts shall be paid on items, I give to my wife during her life one third of the plantation on which I reside, embracing within its limits all the improvements North of the spring. The line of division to be so run as to give the benefit & use of the spring to the part allotted to my wife as well as to the remaining portion on items. I give & bequeath to my aforesaid wife one third of all my personal estate absolutely, to use, and dispose, of as she may please. This third to be taken from the property remaining after the payment of my debts & a small legacy to my grandson Charles Oliver in items. I give & bequeath to my Grandson Charles Oliver, my gold watch & single barrel shot gun in items, I give & devise. The remaining Two thirds of my landed estate together with the residue of my personal property after deducting the thirds given to my wife absolutely, is also the residue in the third part of my lands deeded to my wife for life to the children of my son by his first