

by the Court. I wish to remind them that, although I have sold the place I purchased of 10th Garst & the land I purchased of Webb, lying in Floyd, (Graphrodale) I have retained one half the interest to any mineral or fossils that may be found on the first, and the entire interest in any such mineral which may be on the latter. The Iron on the land purchased of Kirkwood is now considered valuable, and there are strong indications of Coal on my mountain land above Fort Lewis.

John H. Griffin

At Roanoke County Court, November Term 1878.

A writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John H. Griffin deceased with four several codicils thereto annexed was produced in Court, and there being no subscribing witnesses thereto, John L. Barnett & Robert W. Logan were severally sworn, and deposed that they are well acquainted with the hand-writing of the said John H. Griffin, and that they verily believe the said writing and each codicil with the name subscribed to each of them, to be wholly written by the Testator himself. Whereupon, the said writing, together with the codicils thereto attached, is ordered to be recorded as the true Last Will and Testament of the said John H. Griffin deceased.

A copy from records of Court.

Teste Wm. McCaulley, Clerk.

is W. Richardson. I, Lewis W. Richardson of Roanoke County in the State of Virginia being in feeble health though in sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows:

First it is my will that my wife Jane Ann shall hold all my real estate as long as she may live and after her death one half of the land to be equally divided between my nephew John L. Richardson son of John L. Richardson my sister Phoebe Richardson and my sister Sarah Bandy wife of John C. Bandy the other half of the land to belong to my wife Jane Ann in fee simple to dispose of as she may please.

2nd it is my will my wife Jane Ann shall have 1 horse choice of the former two choice cows provided she may want them one ferry and hamper and all the household property that she may choose to keep and as many bee stands as she may want to keep the balance of my personal property to be sold by my executor to pay my just debts and provided there is not enough personal property to pay my debts then my executor shall sell land enough to pay my debts and should there be more money than required to pay my debts I want it to be divided one half to my wife the other half equally between

my nephew and sisters above named.

I want my executor to have an Iron railing put up around my grave large enough for two graves.

I provided my wife does not sell or dispose of the land during her life time it is my will that it shall be equally divided between my nephew and sisters first named. I constitute and appoint John Trout and Henry S. Trout my executors.

I acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament in the presence of these witnesses this 6th day of November 1878.

Witness
John Trout
Charles L. Potter.

Lewis W. Richardson Secy

At Roanoke County Court, January Term 1879.

The last Will and Testament of Lewis W. Richardson deceased, was this day produced in Court and proved according to law, by the oaths of John Trout and Charles L. Potter, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is thereupon ordered to be recorded.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCaulley, Clerk.

¶ Mrs Maria L Lewis. I Maria L. Lewis of the County of Roanoke being of sound mind but advanced in life and desirous of making a disposition of such worldly estate as I may own at the time of my death, do make this will for that purpose. After the payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath to my daughter Mrs Lucy M. Shanks, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000-) to be held by her, free from the claims of her husband, or of any claims against him, for her sole and separate use. I give to my grand daughter Cassander A Shanks Five Hundred Dollars - to my grand daughter Mary E. Shanks Five Hundred Dollars - I give to my grand son George F. Shanks Three Hundred Dollars - I give Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000) to be equally divided between the children of my daughter Mary A. + her husband Henry A. Edmundson. The portion going to my grand daughter Maria L. Adams and Ellen M. Eskridge I give to them for their sole & separate use, free from the claims of their husbands. I give Five Hundred Dollars to my grand son Frank M. Lewis, I give Five Hundred Dollars to my Grand daughter Mary Lou Lewis - I give to my grand son James L. Shanks as Trustee for his wife and children to be held by him in Trust for the benefit of his wife and children the house in which they now live on the Belle Vue Farm, with two acres of ground attached thereto, he to select & have the two acres surveyed, or if he chooses he may sell the same.