Lydia Howbert.

I Lydia Howbert, of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do make and publish this my last Will and Testament:

First I direct that all my outstanding debts inclusive of a medical bill, for services rendered my daughter Lucinda Howbert by Dr. Joseph A. Gale; my burial expenses to shall be paid out of the Currency, or Greenbacks in my possession; the residue to be equally divided between my children viz: W. W. Howbert, Emeline Farman, Lucinda Howbert and James E. Howbert.

Second I direct that my daughter Lucinda Howbert shall have all my Gold and Silver, Household and Kitchen furniture.

Third I desire that my son James E. Howbert shall have my Cow.

I hereby appoint John Trout Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of December 1872.

Signed, sealed and delivered, Lydia × Howbert (Seal)
mark
in the presence of us, who have subscribed
in the presence of each other.
W. N. Martin
Jos. A. Gale

At Roanoke County Court, Office Term 1873.

This day the last Will and Testament of Lydia Howbert deceased was produced in Court, and partly proved by the oath of Joseph A. Gale one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the further proof of the said Will as to William N. Martin the other subscribing witness thereto is postponed.

And at Roanoke County Court, May Term 1873.

This day the last Will and Testament of Lydia Howbert deceased was again produced in Court and fully proved according to law by the oath of William N. Martin the other of the subscribing witnesses thereto, the said Will having been partly proved at the last term by the oath of Joseph A. Gale, a subscribing witness, and thereupon the said last Will and Testament is admitted to probate.

A Copy from the records of Court
Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk.

Jonathan Martin.

Know all men by these presents that I Jonathan Martin of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do make this my last Will and Testament.

I will first that all my just debts be paid after which I will all my property real and personal remain as it now is, during my wife's life-time. At the expiration of which, I will that it be equally divided between all of my Children.

I hereby appoint Lewis Richardson and Chas W. Martin the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand this 8th day of May 1873

Witnesses
R B Hudson
Jos. A. Gale

Jonathan Martin

At Roanoke County Court, May Term 1873.

This day the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Martin deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of R B Hudson and Dr Joseph A. Gale subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon admitted to record.

A Copy from the records of Court
Teste
Wm McCauley, Clerk.

Michael Ruddell.

I Michael Ruddell of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do, this 11th day of March 1873 make this my last Will and testament.

1st I will and bequeath to my nephew John B. Ruddell and his wife Ammanda H. Ruddell my entire track of land containing 211 acres together with the land purchased of D. H. Ramis with all the farming utensils thereto belonging, and require him to pay to the other distributees the sum of two thousand dollars, and give him four years in which to pay the same.

2nd To the widow of my brother John Ruddell, and to my two brothers James and Andrew Ruddell I give the sum of five hundred dollars each.

3rd To my three neices, Sarah Catharine, Ann Elizabeth, and Matilda Jane Routt, I give the sum of three hundred dollars each.

4. To the three daughters of John B. Ruddell I give the following property (viz) to Emma 1 Horse (Jeans colt if it matures, if not some other horse) 1 Cow, 1 Bureau, 1 Bed well furnished.

To Jeanet, 1 Horse (Nellie Gray) 1 Cow 1 Bureau, 1 Bed well furnished

To Catharine Ann One hundred dollars in money 1 Cow and 1 Bed well furnished

5. The residue of my property I have to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my brothers and sisters (viz) the widow of my brother John Ruddell, James Ruddell, Andrew Ruddell, Debbie Watkins Kittie Ruddell, and Melinda Routt, and Polly Rader as soon as the same can be collected.

6th I further will and bequeath to my three nieces Sarah Catharine, Elizabeth Ann, and Matilda Routt, the benefit of the Execution I hold against their father George Routt.

7th If I should not live I wish John B. Ruddell to have one half the growing crop the present year.

I appoint John B. Ruddell and John C. Fox my Executors to execute and carry out the provisions of this will, and do not require of them any security therefor.

M. R. Ruddell

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
John T. Stone
John W. Jones
W. L. McGeorge