

one of the subscribing witnesses thereto was sworn and examined and his evidence put in writing which is filed with the said paper and made part of the record in this case. One William McDermid the other subscribing witness to said paper not appearing in Court it is ordered that he be summoned to appear here on the first day of the next term of the Court to be examined as a witness touching the admission of the said paper to probate as the last Will and Testament of the said Reuben Bryant deceased.

And at Roanoke County Court, August Term 1861.

William McDermid one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Reuben Bryant deceased, who was summoned to appear here to be examined as a witness touching the admission of the said paper to probate as the last Will and Testament of the said Reuben Bryant deceased, this day appeared in Court was sworn, examined, and his evidence was put in writing and filed with the said paper and made part of the record in this case. And on consideration of the evidence of the two subscribing witnesses filed in this case, it is the opinion of the Court that the said Reuben Bryant died at the time of executing the writing aforesaid dated the 21st day of May 1861 was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that he was under no undue influence, and, it is therefore ordered that the said writing be recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said Reuben Bryant deceased.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk.

John Campbell

Roanoke County May the 24th 1861

To Mr John H. Putman - Dear Sir as I am fast declining & do not expect to live much longer I wish to make you and William Punch my heirs I give to you one half of my Virginia State Bonds to William Punch the other half which is \$1300. or after one year of my death you will go to Richmond to Mr Lancaster & Son Brokers and take William Punch with you as he has the bonds in his possession and show this paper to John Lancaster & Son and they will I hope then transfer my claims to you both equally, they ~~Recd~~ know my hand writing and will need no further proof this is given from under my hand and seal this 24th day of May 1861.

John Campbell

At Roanoke County Court August Term 1861.

A writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Campbell deceased was this day produced in Court and there being no witnesses thereto, Frederick Johnston, William Watts and Leary Campbell were sworn and solemnly made oath that they are well acquainted with the testator's handwriting, and truly believe the said writing, and the name thereto subscribed to be wholly written by the testator's own hand. Whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last Will and Testament of the said John Campbell deceased.

And it appearing that no Executor has been named in said Will it is ordered that the Estate of the deceased be committed to John M. Evans Sheriff of this County for administration.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk.

Malinda Shaffer. I Malinda Shaffer, of Roanoke County, Virginia, do make the following as my last Will and Testament.

First, I direct that all of my just debts be paid.

Second - It is my will that my mother, Jerry Cousins, shall have the use of my Home & Lot for a home during her life time, if she chooses to live in the house, and I wish her to decide within three months after my decease, whether she will make it her home. If she does not decide within that time to use & occupy the premises as a home or otherwise at the decease of my said mother it is my will that the house & lot together with all my property of every kind be sold and to this end I hereby authorize and empower my Executor herein after named to sell and make conveyance of the said Home and Lot - and the proceeds of the sale of my property I wish to be loaned out for the benefit of my three children - viz. Ellen, Henry and Alexander and in the distribution of the said proceeds, it is my wish that my daughter Ellen shall have one hundred dollars more than her brothers. I further direct that Ellen's share shall be paid to her when she is married, and should she not marry, when she is twenty one years old - and should she marry, I wish her part to be settled upon her and her children.

As my brother Abner has kindly offered to take care of my children, it is my wish that they shall go to him, and I am thankful to him for his offered kindness.

I hereby nominate and appoint Mr Joshua R. C. Brown of Salem as my Executor.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of December 1860.

Witnesses

F. Johnston

James C. Huff

Malinda Shaffer

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At Roanoke County Court December Term 1860.

The last Will and Testament of Malinda Shaffer deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of F. Johnston and James C. Huff subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said Will and Testament is admitted to record.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk.