

Elizabeth Gish.

I, Elizabeth Gish in the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament - That is to say I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my Estate and situation in life -

Secondly I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my personal representatives from any portion of my estate

3rd I give and bequeath unto Lydia Gish and Abraham Gish the Plantation and lands on which I now live to be divided in the following manner, to wit. The division line is to run North and South and it is my will that the said Lydia Gish my daughter, shall have the West end of the Land including the house and barn - And it is my will that my son Abraham Gish shall have the East end of the above named Plantation and it is further my will that in the division of the above named plantation, that the said Lydia Gish shall have Two hundred dollars worth of land more in her share than the said Abraham Gish shall have in his share.

And to effectuate this my intention fully I do hereby vest in my Executor and William Muss my son-in-law, full power and authority to divide the above named land between the said Lydia Gish and the said Abraham Gish - and the said Executor and William Muss are hereby instructed that in the division of the aforesaid Land that the value of the house and the barn and buildings are not to be taken into consideration at all, only dividing the quantity of land giving to Lydia Gish two hundred dollars worth of land more than Abraham Gish as aforesaid

4th, it is further my will that Polly Mangos wife of Daniel Mangos shall be paid out of my Estate Three hundred and forty Eight dollars

5th I give and bequeath unto William Gish to David H. Gish - to James Gish - to George W. Gish - to Sarah Muss to E. A. Gish One dollar to each one of them - as the last named Legacies in the estate of their father the late George Gish deceased, have received their full shares

6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lydia Gish all my personal Estate of every kind of which I shall die seized or possessed of.

And hereby make - ordain - constitute and appoint Daniel Mangos my Executor of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Gish have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand and seal this 11th day of September 1874

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Elizabeth Gish in the presence of us who have signed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other

J. R. Harrison

C. H. P. McDaniel

Edward McDaniel

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Elizabeth Gish
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At Roanoke County Court, November Term 1874.

The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Gish deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of C. H. P. McDaniel and J. R. Harrison subscribing witnesses thereto, and the admission of the said Will to probate is postponed until the next term of this Court for the purpose of having United States Internal Revenue stamps affixed thereto according to law.

And Daniel Mangos the Executor named in said Will is allowed until the next term of this Court to qualify according to law.

And at Roanoke County Court, December Term 1874.

The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Gish deceased was this day again produced in Court and admitted to probate, the same having affixed thereto duly canceled United States Internal Revenue stamps of the value of Three Dollars. And on the motion of Daniel Mangos, the Executor named in said Will, who made oath thereto, and together with Lewis Huff and John Gast Jr. his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Two Thousand Dollars conditioned according to law, entitling is granted him for obtaining probate of said Will in due form.

A Copy from the records of Court.

Date

Wm McCauley Clerk.

Margaret Williams.

I, Margaret Williams of Roanoke County Virginia, do make the following as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

1. I give and bequeath to my daughter Agatha Whaling, and to her children - those now living and any that may be hereafter born to her, my whole Estate real and personal - that is to say my Dwelling House and other improvements with the lot of land attached thereto containing 8 1/2 acres - also all of my furniture of every kind, with the exceptions following, which I desire to dispose of as special bequests - viz to my grandson Horace L. Whaling my trunk lettered with the name of my daughter Virginia Williams - also my feather Bed, with mattress, Bedstead and bed clothing - my copy of Scott's Commentaries containing five volumes - and my Bazaar

To my grandson John Thornton Whaling I give and bequeath my other trunk - To my grandson George W. Whaling I give and bequeath my work table - and to my grandson Joshua B. Whaling I give another table made of cherry.

I am indebted to the Estate of my late husband W. C. Williams about fifteen hundred and eighty dollars, which sum I hope and expect it will be in the power of my said daughter Agatha Whaling to pay - and thus she and her children will have and hold the estate here bequeathed to them free of all claim or encumbrance.

I make the foregoing request in favor of my daughter Agatha Whalen not because of any want of affection for my other children, but because I have but little to divide, and because she has taken care of me in my old age, which I am sure any of my other children would cheerfully have done.

Witness my hand and seal the 5th day of August 1868.

Witness

Frederick Johnston
John W. Conkley

Margaret W. Williams

At Roanoke County Court July Term 1871.

The last Will and Testament of Margaret Williams deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Frederick Johnston and John W. Conkley subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon admitted to probate, the said Will having affixed thereto a duly canceled United States Internal Revenue stamp of the value of One Dollar.

A Copy - Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk.

John H. Smith. I, John H. Smith of the County of Roanoke State of Virginia being an old man and in bad health make this my last Will and Testament. I appoint my Friends S. P. Taylor and John Trout my Executors without security. I request said Executors to dispose of my real and personal Estate at any time that they think best, but should they think it best not to sell the aforesaid property for a few years, then to rent it to the best advantage without detriment to said property. Upon the sale of my property, for the love and affection of my Nephew Thomas H. Smith, I desire the aforesaid Executors to pay over to him the sum of Three Thousand Dollars. Also to my nephew John H. Hunter the sum of Three Thousand Dollars - Also to pay my Niece Ellen Hunter the sum of three thousand Dollars. To my nephew S. Robert Smith the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars, supposed to be living in Mississippi. Should he be dead I leave the above named sum to his Family. To my sister Susan Lefferts I leave the sum of Five hundred Dollars. The remainder of my Estate I desire equally to the children of Susan Lefferts, namely, P. Holt's two children by his wife Elizabeth, my Nieces. Also Thomas Smith's two children, supposed to be living in Texas. Also my Brother's Thomas Smith living in Europe an equal amount. I give the tract of land bought of Thomas A. Almond this mother Frances Almond containing three hundred and fifty acres to his mother, wife and children. The said Almond I desire to manage the property as long as he lives. To my faithful servants, Lucie & Sophia I wish given a good cow and twenty five Dollars each in consideration of faithful services rendered me. To Sophia's son James I leave a calf. Also William James son a calf. The word Estate in lines seven intended before the signing of this instrument. The word was not hold of 160 acres, I leave to my nephew Alonzo H. Smith, as I had previously given him all the property I had intended. This first day of April 1871 I sign my name & affix seal.

J. W. Conkley

Frederick Johnston

John H. Smith

At Roanoke County Court August Term 1871.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John H. Smith deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of George P. Taylor and George W. Conkley subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon admitted to probate as and for the last Will and Testament of the said John H. Smith deceased, it appearing that the said instrument has affixed thereto duly canceled United States Internal Revenue stamps of the value of Nine Dollars. And on the motion of George P. Taylor and John Trout the Executors in said Will named, who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars, with condition according to law (no security being required by the said Will) certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form.

A Copy from the records of Court

Teste Wm. McCauley Clerk.

John Eller Sr.

September the 26th 1871, Roanoke County, State of Va.

In the name of Almighty God who rebath in the heavens and the Earth.

I John Eller Sr. being in my rational mind and of disposing memory and the certainty of Death growing old and feeble in body I do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament.

In the first place my desire is that my body be decently interred in its mother dust and all my funeral and burial expenses paid out of my effects.

Secondly I put apart of my Real Estate sixty acres of land for my wife Katy Eller with the improvements where I now reside during her natural life.

Thirdly I will to my son Abram J. Eller fifty acres of my lands where he now resides with the improvements, also my mill property with a water right with a price to be set by three arbitrators as to the value of said property.

Fourth, as to the remainder of my Real Estate I will that my Executors hereafter named to advise and sell according to law the balance of my lands lying near the Turnpike Road and to apply the proceeds in as much as will satisfy my just creditors.

Fifthly, I will to my wife Katy Eller all of my Household and Kitchen furniture also one Cow to have and to hold during her natural life and after her death to my daughter Catharine Johns formerly Catharine Eller to have and hold for services rendered to me.

Sixthly, I direct that my Executors to sell a mare and coal 1 wagon harness 2 big plows 2 wheel plows 1 pair of large sheaves 1 log chain 1 carry all the remainder of my personal property I will to my son Abram J. Eller for services rendered also one horse named Legum.

Seventhly I direct my Executors after disposing of all my property real