

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 provide 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.

Ms 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.

Five Hundred Dollars instead of the house + Lot to be held on the same trusts. If my estate will not yield enough to pay all the legacies in full, I desire the legacy to my daughter Mrs Lucy M. Shanks to be paid in full, and the other legacies to bear the loss in proportion to the amounts given. To the child of James L. Shanks named Maria Louisa Shanks, I give two hundred Dollars - I desire my Executor as soon as convenient to make sale of all my personal and real Estate upon a reasonable credit for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this will. Anything that I may have to give to my children to ~~my children~~ or grand children during my life I do not wish them to be charged with.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my respected son-in-law Henry A. Edmundson as Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 26th day of January 1876.

Signed and acknowledged by Mrs Maria L. Lewis as her will, in our presence, and in the presence of each other this 26th day of January 1876.

Maria L. Lewis (seal)

Henry E. Blair

John M. Harlowe

J. W. Chapman

Whereas I Maria L. Lewis of the County of Roanoke have made and duly executed my last will + testament bearing date the 26th day of January 1876, now I hereby declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will and direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof and whereas by my said will I had given to my grandson James L. Shanks in trust for his wife and children a house + Lot of two acres of land on Belle View farm or if he chose instead thereof Five Hundred Dollars, and my said grand son, having since died, I desire to and hereby do revoke so much of my said will, as devised or bequeathed the said House + Lot or five hundred Dollars, and instead thereof I do hereby give to Lena, James Lewis, and Effie Shanks, children of my grandson James L. Shanks, each the sum of One Hundred Dollars and ratify + confirm the gift of Two Hundred Dollars to Maria Louisa, Shanks child of James L. Shanks as made in the body of my will. And I also give to my grand son George F. Shanks, two hundred Dollars in addition to the three Hundred Dollars I had given him in my will, hereby revoking so much of my will as is inconsistent with this codicil, and confirming my said will in all other respects. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand + seal this 26th day of August 1876.

Signed + acknowledged by Mrs Maria L. Lewis as a

Maria L. Lewis (seal)

Codicil to her will, in our presence
and in the presence of each other
this 26th day of August 1878.

John L. Barnitt
Henry E. Blair

At Roanoke County Court, February Term 1879.

A writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
Mrs Maria L. Lewis Demand, was this day produced in Court, and
proved according to law by the oaths of Henry E. Blair, J. M. Harlowe,
& James H. Chapman subscribing witnesses thereto. And also on this
day, a writing purporting to be a codicil to the said Will and
Testament, was produced in Court and proved according to law by
the oaths of Henry E. Blair and John L. Barnitt subscribing witnesses
thereto. Whereupon the said Will and codicil are ordered to be
recorded as the true last Will and Testament and codicil of the said
Maria L. Lewis Demand.

A copy from the records of Court
Test. H. M. Canby, Clerk.

Zachariah Hays. In the name of God Amen, I Zachariah Hays of Roanoke
County and State of Virginia, being infirm but of sound and perfect
mind and memory and considering the certainty of death, and
the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and appoint this my
last Will and testament, in the manner and form following,
to wit: - First and principally I commit my soul to God, in
humble hopes of its future happiness and my body to the Earth,
to be buried in decent Christian burial - I give to my beloved
wife Rosa Hays and my children all of my estate both real and
personal whatsoever there may be after my just debts is paid,
for my wife to hold so long as she remains my widow, but in case
she remarries my estate shall go to my children, but my wife
shall have full benefit of my estate during her widowhood to
help to raise and support my children. I request that my
Burkitt house and premises shall be paid for and kept by my
wife and family and also the lower place known as the "Tahon"
farm; but in case there is not enough of property to pay my just
debts by renting the Tahon farm out. The said Tahon farm shall
be subject to sale, and in case the Tahon farm is sold and whatever
amount is left from the sale of said land shall be paid over to
my wife for the benefit of my children after my debts is paid.
I request that my farm known as the Nabors farm shall be
rented out and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to my debts
and the benefit of my wife and family. I request that none
of my lands shall be sold provided the rents will pay my
debts in reasonable time.