

Phares Armstrong I Phares Armstrong of Roanoke County and State of Virginia do this day make this my last Will and Testament, as follows:  
First, I devise that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid so soon as can be done after my decease.

Second, All the rest and residue of my Estate, of whatever it may consist, I give and bequeath to Mary Susan Fluke better known by the name of Mary Mason (Mason being her step father's name) to have and to hold forever.

Lastly, I hereby appoint the said Mary Susan Fluke my Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six.

Signed in presence of us

Nathan Chapman

William D. Hendrick

George D. Johns

Phares Armstrong.

At Roanoke County Court, April Term 1883.

The last Will and Testament of Phares Armstrong deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Nathan Chapman and George D. Johns, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is thereupon admitted to record.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk.

Maria Withers In the name of God, Amen.

I Maria Withers of the County of Roanoke, State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

I. After the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I devise to my sister Julia A. Withers all my estate both real and personal to be by her held for and during her natural life, except as to any money that may be on hand after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses - all debts due me or in which I may have an interest, my interest in the stock of goods that may be in the store at my death - The three last mentioned articles I leave to her absolutely to be used and expended by her as she may desire.

II. After the death of my sister Julia, I devise my interest in and to the house and lot situated on Main Street in the Town of Salem in which we now reside and which was devised to us by our father John Withers dec'd by his last Will and Testament, to my Brother

Alfred A. Withers and his wife Susan C. Withers for the term of their natural lives and after their deaths then I devise my said interest therein to the children of my said Brother Alfred and his present wife, the said Susan C. Withers to be owned by them jointly, share and share alike, and in the event of the death of either or any of them before the division of the said property, then it is my will that the survivor or survivors shall have the share or shares of those thus dying, unless those thus dying shall leave heirs of their bodies, then such heirs shall have the share or shares of their parents.

III. After the death of my sister Julia I devise to my niece Laura J. McLary and my nephew Frank W. McLary all my interest in and to the lot with as the improvements thereon situated, lying on the Main Street of the Town of Salem West of the Dry Branch adjoining the lot of Dr Montgomery Jeter being the lot purchased by my sister Julia and myself from Mrs Susan Shanks. In the event of the death of either of them before the division of the said property hereby bequeathed to them, then the survivor to have the share of the one dying, unless the one dying shall leave heirs of the body then such heirs to have the share of the parent. It is further my will that Arthur McLary, the father of the said Laura J. and Frank W. shall have a home in the property hereby bequeathed to his children so long as he may live and remain unmarried.

IV. After the death of my sister Julia I devise to my niece Cordelia Belser all my interest in the house and lot situated on Market Street in the Town of Salem purchased by my sister Julia and myself from Arthur McLary.

V. After the death of my sister Julia I devise to my niece Laura J. McLary all my interest in the furniture of all kinds that may be in the house in which we now reside.

VI. Should my sister Julia, after my death deem it advisable to dispose of the house and lot described in the III paragraph of this Will devised to Laura J. and Frank W. McLary, and invest the proceeds thereof in such manner as she may deem best for the use and benefit of my Brother Alfred and his family she is hereby empowered to do so, and to execute a deed to the purchaser thereof, But in such event such investment shall be in lieu of the provisions made in the II paragraph of this Will and shall go and descend to the same parties and in same manner as provided in said Paragraph II and the house and lot described in said paragraph II shall go and descend to said Laura J. and Frank W. McLary in the same manner and subject to the same charge as the house and lot so disposed of would have gone but for such disposition.

Witness my hand & seal this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Dec. 1876.

Marion Withers (Seal)

Signed by us in the presence of the testatrix and of each other both being present at the same time.

B. Pitzer

R. H. Logan.

At Roanoke County Court, May Term 1883.

The last Will and Testament of Maria Withers deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of B. Pitzer and R. H. Logan subscribing witnesses thereto and is thereupon admitted to record.

A copy from the records of Court.

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk

Polly Short. I Polly Short of Roanoke County in the State of Virginia being and old an infirm woman though of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and testament — First after paying all just debts and funeral expenses, I will and bequeath to my nephew Geo. W. Short and his wife Nancy L. Short all of my Estate consisting of Personal Property with what Bonds that may be due me.

Also the Legacy that was left under the Will of Powell Thrasher, Sr. whose Estate is now in the hands of the Administrator.

I acknowledge the above with the foregoing page to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of Witnesses Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Witness

Geo. R. Lish

Wm. J. Black

Polly Short  
her mark

At Roanoke County Court, May Term 1883.

The last Will and Testament of Polly Short deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Geo. R. Lish and William J. Black subscribing witnesses thereto, and is thereupon admitted to record.

A copy from the records of Court

Teste

Wm. McCauley Clerk

Elizabeth D. Coles. In the name of God, Amen! I Elizabeth D. Coles of the Town of Salem, County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life make this my last will and testament this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1883.

After my decease I direct that all my household and kitchen