

Benj. Perkins. May 8th 1857 Roanoke County Virginia.

I make this my last will and testament it is my wish that my Eliza A. Perkins and her brother William D. Sanders shall have the whole control of my property without security I give to Eliza & my wife one third of my substance to do as she please with the other two thirds to be given to my two daughters Judith Clopton Perkins & Benjamin Perkins, I give my negroes Richmond Rachel & Betty and Crip, Setsey's child Caroline and Edmonds and all my money & bonds after my just debts are paid including an small legacy that was left me in Kentucky by my father,

Lived under my hands and seal this day and date above written
Benjamin Perkins

At a Court held for Roanoke County on the 20th day of December 1852, a paper purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Benjamin Perkins deceased was this day produced in Court and the said paper was proved by the oaths of Moses Kilms and William S. Minor to be wholly in the hands writing of the said Benjamin Perkins, and known to be so by two members of the Court, and the said Will is thereupon admitted to Record. And it is further ordered that the same be certified to the County Court of Louisa County in order that it may so. Thereof recorded.
A Copy from the records of Court
Teste. J. Johnston C.

Martin Miller.

In the Name God Amen

I Martin Miller of the County of Montgomery & State of Virginia, being of sound mind and Memory, Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do make & ordain, this to be my last will & testament, & dispose of my property in the following manner, viz, be it known that I now, having my second wife, namely Catherine Brillhart, widow of Daniel Brillhart died with whom I entered in the State of matrimony on the 4th day of June 1846, I having a family of heirs, at the time, & she also, having therefore agreed by mutual consent, & itales being my wills that all the property belonging to my wife, at the time of our marriage, both real & personal, also all the proceeds arising from her estate, either real or personal, to remain among her heirs & my children to receive none of her property, neither real nor personal whatever, but all to remain amongst their heirs & divided among them, the same as though we would not have been married; I my Executors, my heirs, & my assigns, to have nothing to say nor to do with it, yet all my property belonging to me at the time of my second marriage, and all the property I shall have remaining at my decease, either real or personal money or moneys worth whatever, to remain & shall, to my heirs, or my children that I have by my first wife and to be divided as follows to wit, 1st It is my will that my personal

property remaining at my decease to be sold, & out of the proceeds thereof, all my just debts funeral expenses to be paid, &c. It is my will that my daughter Magdalene's children are to have fifteen hundred dollars out of my estate with what I have charged her in my book, 3^d. It is my will that my daughter Betsy's children are to have fifteen hundred dollars out of my estate with what I have charged her in my Book, 4th. My daughter Ester has all her portion already given her which was fifteen hundred dollars as the former ones. 5th My son Jacob has also all his portion given him which was also fifteen hundred dollars as my daughters. 6th It is my will that my daughter Susan's children are to have but eight hundred dollars out of my estate. 7th It is my will that my son Samuel is to have fifteen hundred dollars out of my estate as the former ones, he has also already received his full portion with the balance. 8th My son Daniel has also got his full portion out of my estate which was fifteen hundred dollars as the rest of my children. 9th My son John has also received his full portion out of my estate which was fifteen hundred dollars as the rest of my children. 10th My son Joseph has also received his full portion out of my estate, which was fifteen hundred dollars as the rest of my children. 11th It is my will that in case I should remove to the County of Rockingham, on my 53 acre tract near Bridgewater formerly belonging to the widow Reigler, that then my present wife Catherine Miller to have & to hold said tract of land during her natural life, free from all manner of incumbrances whatever, & not to recover any of my other estate, real or personal, and after the death of my widow Catherine Miller, my son John is to have the 53 acre tract spoken of above at the rate of \$25⁰⁰ per acre, his portion coming to him out of my estate left at my death to be a down payment then two hundred dollars a year until paid; for however in case we never move to Rockingham on 2^d Tract then my widow Catherine Miller is not to have any thing to do with it nor to recover any thing from my estate but she is to have her property in Montgomery County and also all her portion coming from her father in Rockingham City or elsewhere both Real & personal, money & moneys worth, arising out of her property, her & her heirs, forever, my heirs to have and derive nothing from it, then said case my son John to have the above named 53 acre tract immediately at my death at the above rates of \$25⁰⁰ per acre as above interlined his portion coming to him out of my estate after my death to be the down payment & then two hundred dollars a year until paid; 12th It is my will that if there is any property left belonging to me & coming from my estate after all the above requisitions are complied with, it is to be equally divided among all my children, namely Magdalene & her children, Betsy & her children Ester & her children, Jacob, Samuel, Susan & her children Daniel, John & Joseph to be equally divided among all my children above named. 13th And lastly, I do hereby constitute & ordain my son Samuel Executor of this my last will & testament allowing him two hundred dollars out of my estate for settling the estate.

fully Revoking all other former will or Testament made or done by me: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26th day of October 1846

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of)

Anthony Miller
Abraham Sager
Benjamin Kirlin

Martin Miller (Seal)

N. B. The above witnesses, if hereinafter to appear before the Court of Montgomery County as they are residents of the County of Rockingham, it is my will, that their expense for attending to the said suit of my estate; be paid by me, in witness whereof, I do set my hand & seal the day & year first above written

Witness

Martin Miller (Seal)

P. S. If in case I should have any heirs by my second wife, then in that case such heirs are to come in as equal legal heirs with, & of my property, money & moneys worth either Real or personal, with the balance of my heirs above named signed sealed &c this day & year first written

Martin Miller

At a Court held for Roanoke County on the 20th day of December 1852. The last will and Testament of Martin Miller deceased was this day produced in Court, and proved according to law by the oaths of Anthony Miller & Benjamin Kirlin, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded. And it is further ordered that the same be certified to the Court of Rockingham County that the same may be recorded there

A Copy from the records of Court

Filed

J. Johnston, C.

Robert Craig

In the name of God Amen; I Robert Craig of the County of Roanoke, state of Virginia, do by this my last will and Testament dispose of my worldly effects as follows, viz - First I give and devise to my beloved wife Malinda, the plantation whereon I reside, called Green Hill, and constituted of several distinct parcels amounting to about six hundred acres, to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to her and her use for and during the term of her natural life, and if I should purchase any piece of land hereafter, bordering on, or connected with the aforesaid plantation; It is my will, and I accordingly do direct, that it be considered a part of said plantation and go to my wife and divided in remainder as I have directed, and do (immediately following direct my said plantation and remainder therein to go, the remainder over in said plantation I will and devise to my three nephews, to wit, Robert C. Taylor, Robert C. Hammet and John Craig

the first, the son of my sister Mary Taylor the second the son of my sister Clementina Hammet the last the son of my brother John Craig. If any of them be dead at the time of my wife's decease, it is my will, that the survivor or survivors take the whole estate, but this devise to my said nephews is in trust that they will sell, at public sale, to the highest bidder upon a credit of one and two years, after a reasonable public notice, of the time and place of sale, the said plantation. The money accruing from said sale is to belong exclusively to my said nephews or such of them as shall be living at the time of my wife's death, in equal parts I reserve to my said nephews, the survivor or survivors the right to bid for said plantation and by being the highest bidders or bidder, to become the purchaser. I moreover, hereby empower, them the survivor or survivor, of them to make a deed for the same, if another person should become the purchaser. I have given this direction that any of my wife's family branch may, if they choose, keep the estate in the Walton family line. To prevent any improper influence, or abuse, of the said plantation and lands above devised I do prohibit my beloved wife from letting or leasing any part of them and from selling or giving any timber or trees from the same, from all waste whatsoever and if she violate this prohibition in any particular, it is my will, that my said nephews, survivors, or survivor, be immediately entitled to the said plantation and lands and that all right to hold the same on the part of my said wife, shall cease and determine. Second - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all my slaves and their increase, together with all my personal estate, right and credits - and indeed, every thing I shall, be possessed of not otherwise disposed of, to hold and use, in absolute right. Third - I give and devise, to Ann Batchelor, wife of Reuben Batchelor, the plantation on which they live, about three miles from Christiansburg and which I purchased from Lindsey C. Crow, containing about one hundred and thirty acres, to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs. Third - As a token of my regards for my little namesake Robert C. Shanks, son of my friend George W. Shanks, I give and bequeath to him my gold watch, chain, seal, and key, and also all my state papers and political books. Fourth - It is my will that my beloved wife whom I constitute my sole executrix, be not required to give any security for the administration of my estate, or to return any inventory thereof to Court, let her pay off all debts if there be any, speedily, and I think her situation will be as comfortable, in respect to the things of the world, as she could desire; and in testimony that this is my last will and Testament, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 18th day of August 1847

Robt Craig (Seal)

By this codicil to my last will and Testament, before written on this same sheet, I make the following alterations therein, I revoke the legacy to my nephew, Robert C. Shanks, and instead thereof I give him one thousand dollars (\$1000), to be paid within two years after my decease. I also give to my niece Eleanor Edmundson