

W. M. Cook
W. L. Munnally
John McCauley

At Roanoke November Court 1848, The last Will and Testament of Henry Brubaker dead, was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of William M. Cook, and Mason L. Munnally, And on the motion of John Brubaker and Christian Wertz, the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and together with Joel Brubaker and John Earet, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$18,000 with condition according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form

A Copy from the Record of Court, Elected. St. Johnstone.

Shepard

In the name of God Amen; I Michael Speards of the County of Roanoke, being frail & weak in body but of sound mind and memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following viz. Item 1st I desire my burials & funeral expenses to be paid, Item 2nd I desire all my just debts to be paid, Item 3rd I desire my wife Barbara Speards to have one third of all my real and personal estate during her natural life and possession of my mansion house and at her death to go back to my children as shall be hereafter named, I also give to my wife one carriage and harness one bed room one bed one saddle one cupboard with the furniture thereto belonging one set of silver spoons as a present; Item 4th I desire all my children to have an equal share of real and personal estate, as some have already received a part and it is my desire to make them all equal. Item 5th My Daughter Catharine Hickel has received two hundred and thirty dollars, the land which I bought in Tennessee formerly belonging to Hickel, her husband I give the house and property on the land to my daughter but the land I give to my grand son Deary and John I also give to her to my daughter to have and to hold during her life named Elias and Susan; 6th My daughter Elizabeth Evans has already received Five hundred & thirty eight dollars I also give her a Negro man named Stephen; Item 7th My son John Speards has received Twelve hundred and seventy seven dollars; Item 8th My daughter Susan Brown has received seven hundred and thirty seven dollars I also made trustee of my grandson Speards Brown to buy land for me in the Miskoura which land together with a Negro girl Matilde I give to my daughter Susan; Item 9th My daughter Mary Thomas has received one thousand and seventy two dollars I also give to my daughter Mary one Negro boy named Sam; Item 10th I think it best at my decease that my mill and ten acres of the lower part of my mountain barony be sold, Item 11th It is my desire that all the Negroes that I may have at my decease shall be divided that they shall be equal but none is to be sold out of the different families to which they may be allotted; Item 12th I appoint my son John Speards and Elias Thomas my executors

of this my last Will and Testament; In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this 28th day of December one thousand eight hundred & Forty Eight

Witness

Robert Lewis

Samuel Phillips

Richard H. Phillips

Michael Speards read

At Roanoke January Court 1849; The last Will and Testament of Michael Speards dead was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of Robert Lewis and Richard H. Phillips, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, And on the motion of John Speards & Elias Thomas, the Executors therein named, who made oath thereto and together with Benjamin Harris, Robert Lewis and James McCauley their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$8,000 conditioned as the law directs, a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat of the same in due form

A Copy from the records of Court Elected. St. Johnstone.

Paul Thrasher

In the name of God Amen; I Paul Thrasher of the County of Roanoke, and State of Virginia, being feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. My soul I resign in the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner; First I desire that all my just be paid and also my funeral charges; Second, I give unto my beloved wife Sally Thrasher the lands on which I now reside together with all my personal property of every kind during her natural life, Third I give to George Daylong or Susan Daylong two hundred dollars exclusive of an equal division of the rest of my brothers & sisters. Fourth, I give to Paul Thorskor son of Therskor, Thorskor two hundred dollars as a legacy. Fifth I give to Paul Thorskor son of John Thorskor two hundred dollars as a legacy; Sixth I give to Polly Short two hundred dollars as a legacy. Seventh, I direct my land & all of personal estate to be equally divided amongst all my brothers & sisters by sales of the property; Lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sally Thorskor as my sole Executor without any security being required of her by the Court of Roanoke County as witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & affixed my seal this 30th day of November 1848

sign & acknowledge in presence of

Levi J. McKelley

Wm. Muse

Jeff Short

Paul Thrasher read

At Roanoke January Court 1849; The last Will and Testament of Paul Thrasher dead was this day produced in Court and proved by the oaths of William Muse and Jeff Short, subscribing