

her dower at Common law if she shall so elect and it is further my will that my said dear wife shall have the guardianship and tutelage of all the remainders of my Children during their minority so long as she shall remain single and in case of her death or Marriage during the minority of such of my Children, then I will and appoint my aforesaid friends, Eben Nelson and my son Charles Lunsford the said guardianship and I earnestly entreat their utmost care respecting in and about the morals and education of my Children and desire that they may be brought up and instructed in the doctrine and religion of the Christians And to effectuate this my intention I do hereby vest in my executors full power and authority to sell all my real estate lying and being in the County of Bedford and Lancaster Virginia for its reasonable value for ready money or in such Credit as they may think best and the money arising from such sale or sale, to be loaned out and the amount thereof secured in such manner as is usual in like cases and the interest arising therefrom & the surplus proceeds of any thereof, arising from the plantation lying in the said County of Roanoke and the labour of my Negroes are to be applied to the education of my Children last mentioned Also I direct that if either of my blind Children Mary that they are no longer to be supported out of my Estate as herein first mentioned but are to be equal share with my other Children and that after the death of my said three blind Children or their Marriage, or the decease of my beloved wife that all my real Estate of which I shall die seised of and all my personal property of every kind except my Negroes be sold by my Executors for ready money or upon a Credit as they may think best, and the money arising therefrom with the above named Negroes be equally divided between all my Children, share and share alike And lastly I do hereby make and ordain my co-termined friends, Eben Nelson and my son Charles Lunsford, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I Thomas Lunsford have to this my last will set my hand and seal this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1848

Teste
Wm. McQuinn

Wm. B. Dutton

Thomas L. Bush

Thos. Lunsford (Seal)

At Roanoke December Court 1862

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Lunsford deceased was this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of William B. Dutton William McQuinn and Thomas L. Bush, subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded

Teste

J. Johnston Clerk

P. H. Snyder. In the name of God amen. I P. H. Snyder of the county of Roanoke and state of Virginia do make this my last will and testament, to wit - After all of my just and lawful debts are paid, I will and bequeath to my Brother Four Hundred dollars besides what she now owes me. And to my half brother John B. and Eli. C. each one hundred dollars a piece and my Mother Mary Snyder formerly Mary Alcorn to have the benefit of it so long as they continue to stay with her. And to my sister William Vinard Two hundred dollars to dispose of as she may wish. And to my sister, Louisa M. Vinard. Two hundred dollars. To dispose of as she may wish. And to my son Abraham, Richard, Robert, B. Eliza, James, and Sally I. I will and bequeath to them there freeborn, and after all of my father's Estate is collected, I will will and bequeath to my son's above mentioned, all of the money that is left after my just debts are paid and what I have willed to my Mother, Two half Brothers and my two sisters, to be equally divided among my six servants. I appoint John Astbury as my executor. Witness my hand and seal this the 17th day of July 1861

John Astbury
L. Boon
Abraham X Regaway
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At Roanoke November Court 1862
The last Will and Testament of Patterson H. Snyder deceased, was this day produced in Court and it was proved by the oaths of S. T. Simmons & John Astbury that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said P. H. Snyder deceased, and that the said Will and signature thereto are wholly in his handwriting - and the said Will is thereupon admitted to record

Teste
J. Johnston Clerk

Joseph H. Johnston

I Joseph H. Johnston of the city of Natchez state of Mississippi being aware of the uncertainty of life and being now of sound disposing mind do make this my last will and testament renouncing all other heretofore made. I will all of my just debts be first paid. 2nd I will all the balance of my estate both real and personal to my nephew Daniel C. Shanks of the county of Roanoke state of Virginia with the following directions - that he take charge of the same without administration, that he will carry on or wind up the present business in New Orleans & Natchez as he may think best. He is authorized to buy all or Exchange, or any thing which he may think to the interest of the