

At Roanoke July Court 1845, This Last Will & Testament  
of Joseph Woods deceased was proved by the oaths of Benjamin Harris, Robert  
Lewis and Samuel Phillips, subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered  
to be recorded. And on the motion of George McDonald and Elias  
Thomas, the executors herein named, who made oath thereto, and  
together with Benjamin Harris, James L. McConkey and Giles Barnett,  
their securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the  
penalty of \$7,000 conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted  
them for obtaining probat of the said Will in due form.

Date St. Johnston

and Abbott. I Richard Abbot of the County of Roanoke do hereby  
make, my last Will and Testament in manner & form following that  
is to say first, I desire that my brother James Abbot is to have the use  
& control of my lands lying on the waters of Craigs creek in the above  
named county during his natural life & after his death to be equally  
divided between my three nephews, Granardine W. Abbot Linkland &  
Abbot & John M. Abbot the sons of my brother James Abbot to them here  
heirs Executors, Administrators & assigns for ever & lastly I do hereby  
constitute & appoint my friend John Spepards Executor of this my  
last will & testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or  
testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & affixed my seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our  
Lord 1847

signed sealed published & declared  
as for the last will & testament of the  
above named Richard Abbot in presence of us  
Hezekiah W. Spepard  
Michael P. Spepard

Richard Abbot  
mark

At Roanoke August Court 1848 - This Last Will &  
Testament of Richard Abbot deceased was this day proved by the oaths of  
Hezekiah W. Spepard, and Michael P. Spepard subscribing witnesses  
thereto, and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John  
Spepard the 2<sup>nd</sup> herein named, who made oath thereto and together  
with Powell H. St. Hufus his security entered into & acknowledged a bond  
in the penalty of \$50 with condition according to law, certificate is granted  
him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form

Date St. Johnston

decease as may be, pay all my just debts, then first, I give and bequeath to  
my wife Sarah one thousand dollars in money to be paid her by my  
executors, as soon as may be convenient after my decease, also the following  
property, One horse beast called Barney, my carriage and harness, one cow  
to be selected by her. Two beds and furniture, one cupboard and such  
kitchen and table, furniture as will enable her to keep house comfortably,  
Secondly - I give devise and bequeath unto my two youngest sons Elias  
and Moses my home farm containing two hundreds and fifty acres  
be the same more or less, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging,  
provided they pay to my executors hereinbefore named, to be distributed  
among my children themselves included, the sum of three thousand  
dollars to be paid as follows: Five hundred dollars to be paid in four years  
from the time of my death and the balance in twelve equal annual instalments  
And I do direct that as soon as they (the said Elias and Moses) shall have  
paid the first instalment, of five hundred dollars then my executors  
shall make to them a good and legal title to said land, I do also direct  
that my executors after giving reasonable notice, shall sell at public  
auction, to the highest bidder, my lower farm on which my son in law,  
(John Beckner) now lives, containing about one hundred & three acres, and  
also my mountain tract, containing about two hundred and fifteen acres,  
and adjoining my home farm, upon the following terms, one third of the  
purchase money to be paid in hand and the balance in three equal annual  
instalments, proposed to be given at Christmas 1849, my son in law John  
Beckner is to hold possession of the house in which he lives, and has the  
right to tend such fields as I have rented him, during the next year free  
of rent. It is my design, and I therefore direct, that no sale of my personal  
estate, shall be made, until the gathering of the crop of the next year, at  
which time sale shall be made including said crop, it is my wish  
and expectation, that my wife and two sons Elias and Moses, will remain  
on and cultivate my lands as usual during the next season & then  
surrender to my executors all the personal estate of which I may die  
proposed, to be disposed of by them, as I may in this will direct, I do further  
direct, that the entire balance of my estate, whether derived from  
the sale of the above named lands my personal estate, bonds or  
accounts or money in hand at my decease, shall be equally divided between  
my children, Christian, Jonathan, Jacob, Joel, Joseph, Henry, Catherine  
Barnhart, John, Nancy, Worts, Benjamin, Lydia, Abraham, Isaac,  
Elias, Elizabeth Beckner, and Moses, share and share alike, And lastly  
I do hereby nominate and appoint my son John Brubaker and my  
son in law Christian Worts, to be executors of this my last will and  
testament, And I do hereby prove and make, this, all former wills  
by me made, In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1848

signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the testator as his last will and testament  
in the presence of us, who are his present  
at his request and in the presence of each  
other have hereunto subscribed our  
names as witnesses

Henry Brubaker Seal  
mark

my Brubaker  
I Henry Brubaker of the County of Roanoke and  
state of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory,  
but being admonished by bodily disease, that my time is nearly spent  
on earth, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as I  
possess, while yet I may, do make and ordain this my last Will and  
testament, in manner and form as follows. I do direct that my executors  
hereinafter named shall, out of my estate, as soon after my