

Frances A. Beaton to him and his heirs forever, with the exception of fifty dollars which he is to pay over to the American Board of Foreign Missions as a donation from me to that cause; Lastly I constitute & appoint my step son Francis A. Beaton, Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills & testaments by me heretofore made; In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of Lord Eighteen hundred forty eight signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of, (the words "life time" on the first interlineed before signing)

M. Pilzer  
Wm S. Snyder

Francis Beaton (seal)

At Roanoke February Court 1849, This last Will & Testament of Frances Beaton dec'd was this day produced in Court, and proved in part by the oath of William T. Snyder, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and continued for further proof by Madison Pilzer, the other subscribing witness, And at Roanoke March Court 1849, This last Will & Testament of Frances Beaton dec'd was further proved by the oath of Madison Pilzer the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Tester

P. Johnston

At Roanoke April Court 1849 - On Motion of Francis A. Beaton the Executor named in the last Will & Testament of Frances Beaton dec'd which was admitted to record at the last term, who made oath thereto, and together with John H. Day his security entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000 conditioned as the Law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form

Tester

P. Johnston

Sarah Muse

In the Name of God, Amen; I Sarah Muse, of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being reminded of the uncertainty of life, but wishing to dispose of my earthly estate, and being of sound mind & disposing memory do hereby make this my last Will & Testament, revoking all others heretofore made; After the payment of all my just debts, if any such there be outstanding, and the payment of such expenses as will be necessary to give my body decent interment, I hereby give, and bequeath unto my step grand son Thomas P. Muse, of Roanoke County, all my property of every description, both real & personal, including as well that now in my possession, as that which may be coming to from the estate of my deceased Sister Elizabeth Revere in the County of Lancaster or Northumberland

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845  
Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of)

Sarah Muse

Elijah G. McClenahan  
Wm Muse

At Roanoke August Court 1849, The last Will & Testament of Sarah Muse dec'd was this day produced in Court, and proved by the oaths of William Muse and Elijah G. McClenahan, witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded, And on the Motion of Thomas P. Muse, who made oath thereto, and together with William Muse and Elijah G. McClenahan his securities, entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$4000, with condition according to law; a certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration with the Will annexed upon the Estate of the said Sarah Muse dec'd in due form

A Copy from the Records of Court  
Tester

F. Johnston

David Gish Jr.

In the name of God Amen, I David Gish Senior of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will & testament in manner and form following that is to say: 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my just debts & funeral expense be paid out of my Estate, 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my daughter Elizabeth Stoner the wife of John Stoner Two Thousand dollars which she has received & now have the use of; and at my death it is my will and desire that my said daughter receive five hundred dollars more making with the two thousand dollars advanced in my life time, the sum of Two Thousand five hundred dollars her portion of my Estate. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my daughter Susannah Neffinger Two Thousand Three hundred & fifty dollars which she has received & now have the use of; and at my death it is my will & desire that my said daughter receive one hundred & fifty dollars more making with the two thousand three hundred & fifty dollars the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars her portion of my Estate. 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my son David Gish Two Thousand Five hundred dollars which he has received and now have the use of making his portion in my Estate. 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my son John Gish Two Thousand Five hundred dollars to my said son in my life time, and my Executors herein after named will examine my account book of advancements made in my lifetime for the sum advanced to my said son which is in full of his portion of my Estate &c. 6<sup>th</sup> After the payment of my debts & Funeral expense and the legacy to my two daughters to make their portion equal with my two sons I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Gish one third of my Estate remaining both real & personal during her natural life and it is my will & desire as long as my wife remains a widow that she shall manage my home place Negroe stock & crops bonds money & accounts for the benefit of my said wife & the education of my son George & my daughter Mary Eliza until they arrive of age, should my wife live that long a widow. Should my wife be living on my children George & Mary Eliza arriving at age then a division shall take place between my wife and my son and daughter of my estate real & personal in 7<sup>th</sup> To my son George Gish & my daughter Mary Eliza Gish I will and bequeath four Negroe, Tom, Becky, Peter & May with their future increase and at the death of my wife the third of my personal