

my eldest son William if he desire to do so, shall be allowed to hold the plantation formerly owned by my father at a fair and just valuation 12<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my brother Henry J. Snyder, who is deaf and dumb, five hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executor

13<sup>th</sup> Should it be necessary to sell any of my real estate in order to qualify my children in the first division and distribution of my estate, I authorize my executors or the survivor of them to make such sale as may be necessary and convey to the purchaser

Witness my hand and seal the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863  
C. L. Snyder (Seal)

Witness  
Geo. B. Logan  
G. Hannah

1<sup>st</sup> Codicil

I make the following as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament—  
In addition to what I have in my said Will given in fee simple to my wife, I give and bequeath to her in fee simple my man servant Marshall who has been a faithful servant to me, and for other future comfort I wish to provide. Witness my hand and seal the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863

Witness  
J. A. Griffin  
D. D. Mitchell

C. L. Snyder (Seal)

2<sup>nd</sup> Codicil

I, Charles L. Snyder do make the following as a second Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863 and hereunto annexed. In order to enable my wife to carry on the Tannery properly I give to her in fee simple the further sum of four thousand dollars and for and during her natural life I also give to her in addition to the provision contained in my will, two horses, and my two servants employed in the Tannery viz. Robt and Casswell. And as it is my wish and direction that the Tannery and business connected with it and also my plantation be carried on for one year after my decease, I direct my executor to pay the above named sum of four thousand dollars at the end of the year to my wife. My executor will be at liberty, and they are hereby authorized to sell such of my personal and perishable estate as may remain on the plantation after taking out such things as may be needed by my wife. Should any questions arise connected with my estate about which my two executors named do not agree, I direct that they advise with my wife as to such questions, and that her opinion be regarded as prevailing. Should either of my executors decline to act I appoint my friend George Hannah my executor in his place

Witness my hand and seal the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863

Witness  
G. Hannah  
D. D. Mitchell

C. L. Snyder (Seal)

"At Roanoke April Court 1863"

The last Will and Testament of Charles L. Snyder deceased was produced in Court together with two Codicils thereto attached and proved according to law by the Oaths of John B. Logan, George Hannah and D. D. Mitchell

and D. D. Mitchell subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded  
Dated . . . St. Johnston Bk.

Thos. Sanford I, Thomas Sanford of the County of Kanawha and State of Virginia do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. Having nothing more to say, I direct that my body be decently interred and that my funeral be conducted in a manor corresponding with my estate & situation in life. And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows, first I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first Money that comes to the hands of my Executor hereafter named and the residue, from any portion of my Estate real or personal. Also I direct that be remitted by my three children to wit, Malinda, Samuel and Virginia Cathers, who have been afflicted with blindness that they shall have a convenient support out of my Estate during their lifetime and in case the above named children or either of them shall be living at the time of my decease my will is, and do hereby appoint that my dear wife shall have the guardianship of them during their lifetime or so long as she shall continue to be my widow and in case of her death or marriage, then I will and appoint that my much esteemed friends, Eben Nelson and my son Charles Sanford shall have the guardianship of them during the remainder of their life time and in order to carry into execution my will as above expressed respecting the support of the above named blind children I do hereby and appoint that my dear wife shall have all of my house hold and kitchen furniture all my stock of every kind (to wit) nine head of horses 28 head of cattle 24 Sheep and one hundred hogs, and also all my Negroes to wit, Michael, Rachel, Mary Ann, Fanny, Mary J., Martha, Lovers, Thomas, Everett, Sandy, Daniel, Dick, Perry, Jim, Angeline, Esther, Suck, B. Eliza, and also the plantations on which I now reside & all the appurtenances thereto belonging and also the waggon & the gear, and all the farming utensils of every kind, and all the grain, bread stuff, and meat which may be on the plantation, for the support of the family, also the grain which be growing, and the hay & other provender, all the above named articles with the said plantation and also the above named Negroes shall be and remain the absolute property of my beloved wife, during her life time, if she shall be living at the time of my decease, but if she shall not survive me, or should marry, then I will and appoint that my much esteemed friends Eben Nelson and my son Charles Sanford shall exercise the said guardianship for the said blind children, and the surplus proceeds (if any there be) arising from the labors of the above named Negroes in the cultivation of the above named plantation, and the increase of the above named stock and the said Eben Nelson & Charles Sanford are hereby directed to divide the said surplus equally between the remainder of my children, share & share alike, and the share of my real and personal estate then bequeathed to my wife to be in lieu of

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1848

Teste  
Wm. McQuinn

Wm. B. Preston

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. Preston 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1861

John Astbury  
L. Bogan  
Abraham Regaway

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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