

30
for to carry this my last will, into full effect I appoint
my son in Law Charles Sloan my executor, in witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hands and seal this fifteenth day
of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty three
The interlining run before, signing *Michael Trout Seal*
David Sloan
Christian Hertz

At Roanoke, October Court 1853, The last
will and Testament of Michael Trout deceased was
this day produced in Court and proved according to Law
by the oaths of David Sloan and Christian Hertz subscribing
witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded

Copy from the records of Court
Teste *J. Johnston*

Wm Pettit

I William Pettit of the County of Roanoke,
and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and disposing
memory but in feeble health do make, and declare this to
be my last will and testament. First, I direct all my just
debt to be paid, to my beloved wife Catharine I give all my
estate of every description for and during the term of her
natural life for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, namely
for the support of herself and the maintenance and education
of our three children and of my daughter Catharine or Kitty
the issue of a former marriage, I direct that my said daughter
Catharine or Kitty shall remain in the family on the same terms
as my three younger children be treated in the same way and
that should she marry my wife may make her such reasonable
advancements as she may have it in her power to make,
should she die unmarried or under the age of twenty one
years I direct that all her interest in my estate revert to my
other children, and whereas I have advanced to my married
children by a former marriage money and property of unequal
amounts, namely to my son James twelve hundred dollars,
to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Berry Stoutamire eight
hundred fifty dollars and to my daughter Sarah the wife
of Thornton Frantz five hundred fifty and desire that my
said children shall be made equal. I direct that my wife
shall as soon as she can do so without sacrifice of property pay
either in money or such property as may be suitable, to the said
Berry Stoutamire and the said Thornton Frantz such an
amount as shall make their advancements equal to that of
my son James, regarding all my children with equal affection
and wishing to make no distinction between them I direct that
at the death of my wife my estate shall be equally divided
between all of them then living or the children of such as may
have died, should they have left any, having regard to what

91
either may have previously received, and wishing to guard against
the possibility of any of my estate going to those not of my blood
I direct that if any of my children die under the age of twenty
one years without issue any interest he or she may have in my
estate shall go to my other children who may then be living
Finally I appoint my wife Catharine my Executor and having
implicit reliance on her fairness discretion and prudence I direct
and desire that she may not be required to give any security
in her bonds. In testimony that this is my last will and Testament
I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal on this 7th day
of January 1854

Wm Pettit Seal
Signed, sealed & acknowledged
as his last will & testament
by William Pettit in our
presence being called on by him
to attest the same
Edward Watts
Abner Betty

At Roanoke February Court 1854, This last will
and Testament of William Pettit decd. was produced in Court,
and proved according to Law by the oaths of Edwards Watts
and Abner Betty subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered
to be recorded

Copy from the records of Court
Teste *J. Johnston*

Thos Riffey

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Riffey,
of Roanoke County State of Virginia, being of sound and
disposing mind and body, do make this to be my last
will & Testament as follows: that is to say, I desire that my
body may be buried at the direction of my Executor, here-
inafter named, and I direct that all my just debt be paid
out of any estate as soon after my decease as may be convenient
First I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth two
beds & beds clothing to suit one bedstead thirteen table covers
two large & two small dishes, two sets plates, and one cow,
Second I will & bequeath to my son George one bed & beds
clothing to suit thirteen table covers one colt, one ape, & one
mattress & one pair horse gear; Third I will & direct my executor
to sell all my remaining property of every kind at public
sale, to pay all my just debt out of the proceeds of sale & divide
the remainder equally between my daughter & son to be put out at
interest until they become of age, then to be paid over to them,
& Fourth; I do hereby appoint Jacob C. Miller my Executor of
this my last will & Testament; In witness whereof I the said testator
set my hands & seal this 19th day of May 1854

Thomas Riffey Seal
mark

signed, sealed, published & declared
by the Tutor Thomas Riffey as and
for his last will & Testament, in the
presence of us, who in this presence,
of each other, have herunto subscribed
our names as witnesses,
Jacob M. Trout
George H. Miller
William Bersinger

At Roanoke September Court 1854, The last
will and testament of Thomas Riffey deceased was produced in
Court and proved according to law by the oaths of George H.
Miller and Jacob Trout, subscribing witnesses, thereto and is ordered
to be recorded

Teste

A. Johnston

Lucy McLanahan

The last will and testament of Lucy McLanahan
made this 1st day of August 1854, I desire that my Grand daughter
the children of my son Charles be supported out of the proceeds
of my estate, until they shall be otherwise provided for either
by the receipt of a sufficient amount for this purpose from the
estate of their Grand father White or in some other way I wish
also a sufficient sum retained to send the youngest to some
good boarding school for two years, I wish also the college
expenses of their brother John Henry to be paid for the next
two sessions at Hapton Sidney College, including necessary
clothing &c. I also desire that the means be provided out of my
estate, to defray all necessary expenses of his brother, Gilbertson
at some good school for two years, on his return from California,
if he desires it, and employs his time at school profitably in
the estimation of his teachers. Finally, with respect to
the children of my son Charles, I desire that in the division
of what may remain of my estate, the portion to which
he would be entitled, be divided equally among his children,
they to receive their fathers part and all my other children to
receive for themselves an equal share of what may remain.
It is my wish that my sons Duffey & Granville shall not be
separated from their wives, and that in the division or disposition
of the surplus, the dictates of humanity as far as possible, be com-
plied with, in attention to their wishes, and avoiding the separation
of husbands & wives & relatives.

Witness

Wm L. Walton
John H. Riffey
Felix Walton

Lucy McLanahan

Sept 1st 1854

I desire to add to, or alter the provisions of the above will, so far
as to require that the part of my estate to which my daughter Mary
L. White will be entitled, be paid to her ⁱⁿ money, to be used
by herself as she may think proper, not subject to the controul
of her husband, and also that a sufficient sum of money be retained
in the hands of my executor, to support my two old servants, Nelson
and Willy, as long as they may live, In order, that Ellen and her
children may not be separated from her husband, who belongs
to Henry Hurt, I desire provided she wishes it, that they be sold
to him at their fair cash value.

Witness

John H. Riffey
Felix H. White
Lucy J. Tosh

Lucy McLanahan

At Roanoke September Court 1854, This last will
and Testament of Lucy McLanahan deceased, with a Codicil,
thereto attached, was this day produced in Court, and the said
Will was proved according to Law by the oaths of John H. Riffey
and William L. Walton subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Codicil
was proved by the oaths of the said John H. Riffey and Sarah
White subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon the said will
and Codicil are admitted to Record

Teste

A. Johnston

John Rann

In the name of God Amen, I John Rann of the County
of Roanoke and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing
mind and Memory and being conscious of the uncertainty of life,
and being desirous, to dispose of all such worldly estate as I
possibly do make and ordain, that my last will and Testament
in manner and form as follows: First: I return my soul to
God who gave it, and cheerfully resign my body to the earth,
Touching my worldly estate First, It is my will, and desire
that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Execu-
tor (hereinafter named), out of any money that may come into
his hands belonging to my estate. Secondly - I give and
bequeath unto my son Isaac, and my two daughters Catherine
and Lydia my plantation whereon I now live, containing
two hundred and three acres, be the same more or less, but
it is my express desire that they shall not sell dispose of or
convey to any person, the grounds now enclosed as a burying
ground, but that it shall be kept as a family burying ground,
The balance of my said plantation to be equally divided
between my said son Isaac & my two daughters Catherine &
Lydia according to quantity & quality. I also give unto my said
daughter Catherine two of the choice of my milk cows, and one
hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my executor