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Special legacy devised to be paid in money ~~educed pro rata~~
so as the deficit may be equally deducted from each. If
however any money shall remain after the expenses legacies
shall have been discharged with, I give the residue to the following
persons to be paid to them in equal parts by my Executrix - my
Blanche W. Syden, Edward L. McClaughan, Elisha Bett McClaughan
James McClaughan Jr., Elizabeth D. McClaughan, Mary Scott Ward
and Anna A. McClaughan

17. I desire as one of the conditions of the several legacies to Paul
Joyce, as Trustee in this will, he cause to be secured by the parties
beneficiaries a comfortable support to my old woman Millie as
long as she shall live.

18. I do hereby constitute and appoint Elisha Bett McClaughan
and Colin Bap Executor of this my last Will & Testament, as
having confidence in their integrity, desire that as security
be required of them. And I do hereby declare this my last
Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other
Will or Wills by me made at any time. Witness my signature
and seal the 6th day of January One Thousand Eight hundred
and fifty seven - Testurines before sign'd
Sarah Bett 
both being present at same time

Fenton R. Evans

Alfred N. Overstreet

At Roanoke March Court 1857 - The last Will and
Testament of Sarah Bett doth make this day produced in
Court and proved by the oaths of Fenton R. Evans and Alfred
N. Overstreet subscribing & testifying thereto and ordered to be
recorded. As a witness of Elisha B. McClaughan & Colin
Bap, the Executors therein named, she made out her testate and
entire into and attested legal a Bond in the sum of \$3,000
with Condition according to law, (the said Executors to be
hereby required by the said Will to give security) they are
appointed Executors of said Will

Teste

Johnston G.

Wm D Sims. I William D. Sims residing for the time being with
my relative Betsy Read of the County of Roanoke and State
of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, but of feeble health,
do make, ordain, publish and deliver this to be my last Will
and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills of me made.
1st. After all my debts are paid, which are but few, the residue
of my estate I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to w^to -
I give to my servant Billy Howard and Stephen fifty dollars
a year as long as they or either of them may live, with the hope
that my relatives Betsy Read and David S. Read will permit
them to remain on their plantation, that they may be taken care
of when sick. But should my relatives not desire them to

remain on the plantation, or should Billy Howard and Stephen or either
of them not desire to stay on the said plantation, I give to each
of them five hundred dollars to enable them to go where they
please. I give to my servant Lewis who is now hired to Mr. W.
Green near Richmond five hundred dollars.

2^d. My property consists entirely of certificate of Stock of the
State of Virginia, and of Bonds given me by Buz. W. Green of the
County of Henrico and State of Virginia for the purchase of
Westham. After my Executors have after 2 years shall have
paid my debts, and provided for the legacy to my servants, I
give and bequeath to my beloved cousin Betsy Read the entire
or all bonds now in my possession, and the dividends on all stock
now in possession, or when my heirs after come into my possessions
or of my Executor, also my house and watch during her natural
life to do with as she pleases.

3^d. After the death of my beloved cousin Betsy Read, I give and
bequeath to her son David S. Read and to my nephew John D.
Ridley all the bonds, and all the Stock upon which my beloved
cousin Betsy Read receives interest and dividends to be equally
divided between them share and share alike. The Bonds are now
deposited in the Farmers Bank of Virginia for collection, and the
certificates of Stock are left with Bacon, Baskerville & Co. for safe keep-
ing. It is my wish that as soon as the Bonds of B.W. Green are paid
off my executor shall invest the money in some safe stocks, and should
any of the stocks now held by me be deemed unsafe by my Executor,
or be paid off, it is my wish and will that he cause the same
as soon as possible that my beloved cousin may have the benefit of the
dividends. I hereby give to my Executor full power to sell and
re-invest any stock belonging to my Estate that may come into his
possession.

4th. Should my relative and friend David S. Read die without
children before his mother, I give, devise and bequeath to my
nephew John D. Ridley all the Stock and Bonds and other property
on which my beloved cousin may receive dividends and interest
or may have in possession. Should my nephew die before my
beloved cousin Betsy Read, and without children, I give be-
queath, and devise to my niece Virginia Sims, wife of James B.
Sims of Eddie Parish, Louisiana, all and every interest he may
or might have had under this my Will.

I hereby make constable and appoint my relative friend
David S. Read my sole executor of this my last Will & Testament
and having perfect confidence in him, request and desire it
my wish that no security be required of him.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed my seal the 20th day of December 1856

W. D. Sims 

At Roanoke June Court 1857
A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of William
D. Sims was this day produced in Court, and the said

Will and Signatures thereto are drawn by the oaths of Albert G. Read and Henry E. Blair to be wholly in the handwriting of said W. D. Sims, and therupon the said paper is ordered to be recorded as his last Will & Testament. Had a witness of David J. Read the encounter therin named, she made oath thereto, and acknowledged a Bond (the said Will set again security) in the penalty of \$75.00 with condition according to law, he is appointed Executor of the said W. D. Sims, d. 3
Date John Littrell

Moses Nelsons. Being somewhat advanced in years, and in my body health, I do make my last Will & Testament - I will & bequeath to my sister Matilda Preston my horse and Buggy. To my nieces Matilda Lunsford and Jessie Lunsford and my nephews Samuel Lunsford each three hundred dollars a piece. To my nephew Charles Lunsford ten dollars. To my nephew Samuel Nelson Three Hundred Dollars. To my niece Ann Nelson three hundred dollars. To my nephew Presby Nelson two hundred dollars. To my nephew James Nelson two hundred dollars. To my nephew Davidridge Nelson two hundred dollars. To my niece Sarah Lunsford three hundred dollars. To my niece Fannie A. Lunsford three hundred dollars. To my niece Mrs. H. Holly, Samuel Lunsford three hundred dollars. To my niece Anna Maria Lunsford three hundred dollars. To my nephew John Lunsford Three hundred dollars. To my sister Elizabeth Lunsford four hundred dollars. To my Nephew Charles J. Preston four hundred dollars. To my nephew Messy Preston four hundred dollars. To my sister Matilda Preston fifty dollars. To John H. Holly One hundred dollars. To my brother Abram Nelson five dollars, and to each of Abram Nelson's children five dollars a piece; and the remainder after paying my just debts to be equally divided between my two sisters Matilda Preston and Elizabeth Lunsford. I appoint William B. Preston and John H. Smith my Executors. The money that I will to my nieces Matilda Lunsford and Jessie Lunsford and my nephews Samuel Lunsford, to be managed by William B. Preston and John H. Smith, and paid over for their benefit when needed. I appoint my Executor without security. Given under my hand the 13th day of June 1857.

Witnesses

Jam. W. Holly

Gepp Richardson

John H. Smith

Moses Nelsons

At Roanoke October Court 1857
This last Will and Testament of Moses Nelson, d. 3, was produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of John H. Smith and Gepp Richardson, subscriber thereto. It is ordered to be recorded.

John Littrell

I, John Littrell being weak and failing in health but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and deliver the following to be my last Will and Testament, and hereby declare all other Wills and Testaments made heretofore by me - that is to say - It is my will and desire that my wife Catharine shall have during her life all my Property whether real or personal to be used by her in such manner as she shall desire to make her comfortable. And it is also my will and desire that my wife Catharine shall at her death, or at any time that she may think fit during her life, make such disposition of the Property whether real or personal as to her may seem right and proper. Do testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1857.

Signed & Acknowledged in the presence of the following witness,

Chas L. Snyder

Abner J. Goodwin

At Roanoke November Court 1857

The last Will and Testament of John Littrell deceased on this day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Chas L. Snyder and Abner J. Goodwin subscriber being witness thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy from the Record of County Court
Tutor John Hunter C.

Elijah McLeanahan

In the name of God, amen. I, Elijah McLeanahan of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do make & publish my last Will and Testament, hereby declaring this and none other to be my last Will and Testament. Item 1^d. It is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of any and the first money that he can command from my Estate.

Item 2^d. I give to my daughter Catharine, now Johnson, Jones a Negro girl by name Judith which my wife gave to her before her decease but did not get taken away by her. I also give to my said daughter a small Negro boy by the name of Austin which she has had in possession some time past. These two negroes are independent of my Remaining Estate.

Item 3^d. I give to my daughter Jane, wife of Rev. James A. Lewis, the two Negroes, Betsy and Bob which they now have in possession with their increase, to her and her heirs. But I will that should my said daughter and her husband wish to return the said two Negroes, to my Estate at my decease, I then direct that my Executrix pay the said two Negroes in with my other Negroes for division or sell them to good masters and pay to my said daughter a fair cash sum for them in a reasonable time. These two negroes together with \$1000 in Cash which I gave to my daughter shortly after her marriage, is not