

Special legacy devised to be paid in money at equal / pro rata
20. as the deficit may be ratably deducted from each. If
however any money shall remain after the above and legacies
shall have been complied with, I give the residue to all following
persons to be paid to them in equal parts by my Executors - viz
Blanche M. Lydon, Edward M. Claiborne, Elisha Bett M. Claiborne
James M. Claiborne Jr., Elizabeth W. M. Claiborne, Mary Scott Wood
and Thomas A. M. Claiborne

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

18. I do hereby constitute and appoint Elisha Bett M. Claiborne
and Colin Bass Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and
having confidence in their integrity, desire that no security
be required of them. And I do hereby declare this my last
Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other
Wills 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 - Subscribed before signed
Signed in the presence of us
both being present at same time

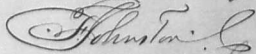
Sarah Bett 

Dipton B. Evans

Alfred N. Overstreet

At Roanoke March Court 1857 - The last Will and
Testament of Sarah Bett, dec^d may this day produced in
Court and approved by the oath of Dipton B. Evans and Alfred
N. Overstreet subscribing to said will and is ordered to be
recorded. And a motion of Elisha B. M. Claiborne & Colin
Bass, the Executors therein named, who made oath to the Court, and
entirely into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of \$32,000
with caution according to law, (the said Executors not
being required by the said Will to give security) they and
appointed Executors of said Will

Teste



Time. I, William D. Sims residing for the time being within
my relative Betsey Read of the County of Roanoke and State
of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, of feeble health,
do make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will
and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by 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-wit -
I give to my servant Billy Howard and Stephen fifty dollars
a year or less a day or other of these may live, with the hope
that my relative Betsey Read and David I. Read will permit
them to remain on their plantation, that they may be taken care
of when sick. But should my relative 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 Lavin who is now hired to B. L.
Green near Richmond five hundred dollars.

2^d. My property consists entirely of certificates of stock of the
State of Virginia, and of Bonds, given me by Benj. W. Green of the
County of Henrico and State of Virginia for the purchase of
Westham. After my Executors have after same shall have
paid my debts, and provided for the legacy to my servants I
give and bequeath to my beloved cousin Betsey Read the entire
of all bonds now in my possession, and the dividends on all stocks
now in possession, or which may hereafter come into my possession
or of my Executors, also my horse and watch during her natural
life to do with as she pleases.

3^d. After the death of my beloved cousin Betsey Read, I give and
bequeath to her son David I. Read and to my nephew John D.
Readly all the bonds, and all the stock upon which my beloved
cousin Betsey Read received 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, Backus & Co. for safe keep-
ing. It is my wish that as soon as the Bonds of B. W. Green are paid
my Executors shall invest the money in some safe stocks, and should
any of the stock now held by me be deemed unsafe by my Executors,
or be paid off, it is my wish and will that he re-invest the same
as soon as possible that my beloved cousin may have the benefit of the
dividends. I hereby give to my Executors 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 I. Read die without
children living by mother, I give, devise and bequeath to my
nephew John D. Readly all the stock and Bonds, and other property
on which my beloved cousin may be receiving dividends, and interest
or may have in possession. Should my nephew die before my
beloved cousin Betsey Read, and without children, I give, be-
queath, and devise to my niece Virginia Sims, wife of James B.
Sims of Lodi, Parrish, Louisiana, all and every interest he may
or might have had under this my Will.

I hereby make constitute and appoint my relative and friend
David I. Read my sole executor of this my last Will & Testament
and having perfect confidence in him, request and declare 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
David Sims, was this day produced in Court, and the said

Will and Signature thereto were proven by the oath of Albert G. Read and Henry E. Blair to be wholly in the handwriting of said W. D. Sims, and thereupon the said paper is ordered to be recorded as his last Will & Testament. And a notice of David S. Read the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto, and acknowledged a Bond (the said Will not being security) in the penalty of \$75,000 with cash therein according to law, he is appointed Executor of the said W. D. Sims, do?
 Date *Wm. H. L. C.*

Moses Nelson

Being somewhat advanced in years, and in my bad health, I now make my last Will & Testament - I will & bequeath to my sister Matilda Preston my horse and buggy. To my niece Matilda Lunsford and Jennie Lunsford and my nephew 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 Presley Nelson two hundred dollars - To my nephew Jam. Nelson two hundred dollars - To my nephew Dandridge Nelson two hundred dollars - To my niece Sarah Lunsford three hundred dollars - To my niece Tennessee Lunsford three hundred dollars - To my niece Mildred Lunsford three hundred dollars - To my niece Amanda Lunsford three hundred dollars - To my niece Eliza Lunsford three hundred dollars - To my nephew John Lunsford Three hundred dollars - To my sister Elizabeth Lunsford four hundred dollars. To my nephew Charles D. Preston four hundred dollars - To my nephew Moss Preston four hundred dollars - To my sister Matilda Preston fifty dollars - To John N. Nelly One hundred dollars - To my brother Aaron Nelson five dollars, and to each of Aaron 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 N. Smith my Executors. The money that I will to my niece Matilda Lunsford and Jennie Lunsford and my nephew Samuel Lunsford, to be managed by William B. Preston and John N. Smith, and paid over for their benefit when needed. I appoint my Executor without security. Given under my hand this 13th day of June 1857.
 Witnesses
 Jam. N. Nelly
 Geo. Richardson
 John N. Smith
 Moses Nelson

At Roanoke October Court 1857
 This last Will and Testament of Moss Nelson, did not produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of John N. Smith and Geo. Richardson subscribing witnesses, therefore it is ordered to be recorded.
 Date *Wm. H. L. C.*

John Littrell

I, John Littrell being weak and feeble in health but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament, and hereby wishing all other Wills and Testaments made herebefore 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. In testimony whereof I have written set my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1857.
 Signed & acknowledged in the presence of the following witnesses
 Chas. L. Snyder
 Abner J. Goodwin
 John Littrell

At Roanoke November Court 1857

The last Will and Testament of John Littrell deceased by his day produced in Court and proved according to law by the oath of Chas. L. Snyder and Abner J. Goodwin subscribing witnesses, thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.
 A Copy from the record of County
 Date *Wm. H. L. C.*

Elijah McClanahan. In the name of God, amen. I, Elijah M. McClanahan of the County of Roanoke and State of Virginia, do make the following disposition of my worldly estate, hereby declaring this and none other to be my last Will and Testament.
 Item 1st. 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 Catharine Jones a negro girl by name Judah which my wife gave to her before her decease but was got 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 bequests are independent of my ^{my equal part of} remaining Estate.
 Item 3^d. I give to my daughter Jane, wife of Rich. Jones, at Lewis the two negroes, Betty 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 Ex. put 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 price 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