

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 sun 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

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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

signed, sealed & acknowledged
as his last will & testament
by William Pettit in our
presence being called on by him
to attest the same
Edw^d Watts
Abner Betty

Wm Pettit Seal

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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,
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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

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