

166 In the name of God amen: I Robert Estes of Lunenburg County being
weak in body but of sound mind & perfect memory, do make & ordain this my last
will & Testament in the form and manner following. Inprimis I charge my
body to be buried in such decent Christian manner as my executors hereafter
to be named shall think suitable to my circumstances. Then I desire my said
Executors to pay all my just debts out of my estate for which purpose, I
desire they will sell upon a reasonable Credit all my furniture & stock
with my tools & plantation utensils & every other commodity except so much
as shall be thought necessary for the providing the crop intended to be made
this year with my negroes which cash I intend shall go towards paying
my debts. Then it is my will that my land whereon I now live & which
is the same tract whereon the Court House stands be sold by my Execu-
tors on such conditions as they shall deem most advisable for commanding the best
price & so much of the money arising from such sale as shall be necessary for
the completing of the payment of my debts shall be applied that may & the balance
I leave to be equally divided amongst those to whom I give my negroes
with the same precaution I shall use regarding them being well secured
for many years that my sons Robert & Eliza will take care of their living
& that my sons George & Benjamin Zachary & Bartlett & son in law Andrew
Cox who married my daughter Eliza have had an expensive time for
supporting their livings. To prevent my said last mentioned sons from
wasting or spending that moderate estate which under divine providence
I have got together by many years labor & frugality, I do give &
bequeath & divide my negroes & the money arising from the sale of my lands
goods & chattels after paying my debts in the following manner & form
viz) It is my will that my negroes with my negro boy Saml but my
son Robert & the negro woman & child but Eliza Cox and increase & the money
that shall be left after paying my debts be divided into as many equal parts
as I had children at my wife's decease that my sons Robert & Eliza have
each of them an equal part to do with as seemeth best to them
Then one equal part of my said negroes & money I bequeath to my son George
wife & children by her intending thereby that the said part of my estate
shall be applied toward maintaining my said son George wife & the
maintaining supporting & bringing up such of the young children
my said daughter in law shall have by my said son as shall stand
in most need thereof & in case my said son shall die before his wife
(meaning that he cooied with her when he moved from Virginia not
knowing at this time whether she be dead or not and of course whether
my said son be married again tho I do not believe his wife had
since she left these parts but is for her benefit I intend this will &
not another if she be dead) then the above mentioned equal part

of negroes & money be kept together for the above said kind purposes till
the youngest child my said daughter in law shall have by my said
son, shall arrive to the age of fifteen years at which time it is my
will that the said part of my estate & increase shall be equally divided
amongst my son George widow & his children but in case the said child die
before such child coming of age then it is my will that the 1/2 part of my
estate shall be equally divided as soon as may be amongst the children
of my son George as shall be then living & at all events I do not
mean to leave any part of my estate in the power of my said son to
spend but that his children have the entire benefit in case his wife or
above meant shall be dead before him

Then one equal part of my said negroes & money I give to my son
Benjamin wife & children in the same manner as that given to
my son George wife & children. Then one equal part of my said
negroes & money I give to my son Zachary wife & children in the
same manner as I gave to my son George wife & children

Then one equal part of my said land & negroes & money I bequeath
to my son Bartlett for which he must give security to my executors
for the return of it to be equally divided amongst my children
or their representatives in case he does not in time refrain from
drunkenness & gaming but upon such reformation appearing to my
executors or to the Court of this County then I give the said part
of my estate to my said son to do with it as seemeth best to him
Then to my daughter Eliza Cox I bequeath one equal part of my
said land & negroes & money during life which said money & negroes
I give to be equally divided at her decease amongst her children
or their legal representatives & my late wife's clothing & riding saddle
I give to my said daughter and do appoint my sons Robert and
Eliza & my nephew Thomas Tabb Executors of this my last will
& Testament witness my hand and seal this 15th day of March

1775—
Robert Estes

Test
William Byrdon
William Byrdon
Thomas Tabb

At a Court held for Lunenburg County 13th day of
April 1775. The last will and Testament of Robert Estes dec'd was
exhibited in Court by Robert & Eliza Estes two of the executors therein
named & was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses thereto sub-
scribed & was recorded & in motion of the said Executors made
oath according to law certified & granted them for obtaining
a probate of the said will in due form they giving security

166 entered into an acknowledgment for that purpose & Thomas Table the other executor required here in bequest to give in probate
 Teste John Taylor Esq

State of Virginia Lunenburg County Court
 I William H. Taylor Clerk of the County Court of Lunenburg and keeper of the records of Wills & Testaments in & for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing pages contain a true copy of the last will and testament with the probate of the same of Robert Estes deceased truly copied from the records of said County Court and now remaining in my office in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and have caused my official seal of the said County Court & office of records of Wills & Testaments to be hereunto affixed this thirtieth day of August one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven in the 52nd year of the commonwealth
 W. H. Taylor cc

State of Virginia Lunenburg County Court
 I Joseph Garbrough presiding Justice of the peace in & for said County Court of said County do hereby certify that William H. Taylor who has attested the foregoing certificate is clerk of the County Court aforesaid & keeper of the records of Wills & Testaments in & for said County that the said attestation is in due form of law & by the proper officer given under my hand and seal this 13th day of August 1827
 Joseph Garbrough P. J. P.

State of North Carolina
 State's County Court of Robt & Lucinda Epion & Plunk
 Term 1827
 The last will and testament of Robert Estes do^t form of Lunenburg County Virginia of which the foregoing is a true copy being offered for probate & the same having been duly certified from the County Court of Lunenburg it is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded & it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that all the executing persons named are dead whereupon administration with the will annexed is granted to John Sumner who entered his bond in the sum of \$8000 with Mr. Burton Mr. Rags Mr. Decker & Mr. R Moore securities & qualified according to law
 Mr. R. Moore cc
 By C. E. Warner Clk.

In the name of God Amen!
 I John Friedrich Roehls of Salem Stokes County State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound of sound mind & memory do make this my last will and testament in the following manner (viz)

The situation of my family is such that I cannot make a divisional distribution especially as several of my children are yet to be raised I have to depend on my executor herein after named to conduct my affairs after my decease according to what in his discretion will be best for my widow & children

1. As to my present dwelling house & shop if my executor after my decease should have opportunity to get on another dwelling at a lower rate he can sell my present dwelling house and shop if he can obtain a fair value for the same & let my family remove to the one bought or rented for them in place of the one I now occupy -
2. My children that are so far educated that they can be put to business it is my will & desire that the sons are put to some good trade or business where they can earn their bread like wise my daughter
3. All my stock in trade dinner tools of every description & all my house & kitchen furniture (except such articles as have often mentioned & willed by me) shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder I give & bequeath to my beloved wife as her property for ever 1 poplar bureau & book case & a small round table one pot & duckroom & all the kitchen ware & my Bible German hymn book & litany book 1 silver table spoon - My son Edward I give one silver 1 silver table spoon & my watch & for the sake of my dinner tools which are marked & of which there is a list annexed My son Lewis I give and bequeath one silver table spoon like wise I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis one silver table spoon as his property for ever My daughter Theresia I give & bequeath 1 small chest of drawers as her property for ever further to my daughter Carolinda I give & bequeath 1 small oval table
4. The money arising from said sale & the fine share of Bankstock I own I will after my lawful debts are paid, to be divided in equal share between my beloved wife & my children named Edward Lewis & Theresia, Henriette, Carolinda, Theresia, Louisa each of them to have share & share alike & my said wife is to enjoy the interest of the share of my children Lewis Carolinda & Louisa until they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years after the same arrived at said age the interest shall be for their use - A parcel of tobacco on hand my executor will sell that to the best advantage for my estate