

Scott and State of Virginia. I also give and bequeath unto the said Samuel P. McKenzie one hundred dollars in money.
Fourthly I give and bequeath unto Sally Vaughn fifty dollars in money.

I nominate and appoint James W. Norvil my executor. This 20th day of March 1889.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
Witness
John M. McKenzie
D. G. Keadle
Mary her mark
Clara (Seal)

Proven in open Court by the oaths of John M. McKenzie and D. G. Keadle subscribing witnesses to said will on the 1st day of April 1889 and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills
W. D. Buchanan. Clerk.

Last will & Testament

Melley Rha (cold) Died. Probated April 1889

My will is that Joseph Rha my son shall have the home park extending to and including the shady apple tree. And Hattie Nellie Rha shall have the lot adjoining the home lot. Richard Niclos Rha shall have the lawn park. Sam Rha and his little Nellie Williams shall have the lot on which he lives. Charles Rha shall have the lot adjoining Sam Rha's lot all except a home lot for Willie Carter on the lawn end. I want Mr William Brown to sell my mules and to bury me out of the money and to divide the remainder among my children equally. I want you Mr William Brown take charge of the law suit which Charles Jester Rha has in Court. and see that he gets the benefits of it.

Written by G. A. Alexander.

and witnessed by M. C. Frammell

Joshua Phipps.

Proven in open Court by M. C. Frammell & Joshua Phipps, who upon their oaths say that which she did not sign said said instrument she acknowledged in their presence that she executed the same for the purposes therein expressed, and that she authorized G. A. Alexander to sign her name to same, whereupon the foregoing was adjudged to be the last will & Testament of Melley Rha. Died and ordered to be recorded in the book of wills.
W. D. Buchanan. Clerk.

Last will & Testament

Probated April term 1889

Mariha F. Carter Died.

State of Tennessee: & Sullivan County.

I Mariha F. Carter do this 19th day of February 1889, and being of sound mind, make this as my last will and testament, viz. I will and bequeath to my five children Mary F. Carter, John M. Carter, Charles E. Carter, Gillie R. Carter and George Carter as follows.

1st I give to each of my girls one cow. I also give to the girls Mary F. and Gillie R. all of the household and kitchen furniture, except their beds on each, for my three boys John M., Charles E. and George. I will and bequeath to John the gray man Colby, to Charles the bay man Julia and the Robert's wagon, to George the Penn. wagon. I further more give to John the hay-rake, and the Olm-chilled plow with all the ballances of the farming implements. I desire John to sell the roan cow and the Blind Man and to pay all that I owe to my grand son W. R. Carter. I give my good will and one dollar in money. It is my wish that John shall take care of and tenderly look after George. Witness my hand and seal.
M. F. Carter (Seal)

Witness

M. M. Butler

W. P. Delaney

O. P. Childers.

Proven in open Court by the oaths of M. M. Butler & W. P. Delaney two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument and the same was adjudged & declared to be the last will & Testament of Mrs. M. F. Carter. & ordered to be recorded in the book of wills.
This 2nd May 1889. W. D. Buchanan Clerk

Last will & Testament

Probated May term 1889

I H. Pepper Died.

In the name of God Amen, I Jesse H. Pepper, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, for which I am thankful to Almighty God and knowing the uncertainty and shortness of life, and being desirous of making such disposition of my worldly estate with which God has been fit to bless me during my life, as in my judgment will be right and in accordance with my wishes

and desire, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby making and making void all other wills that may at any time heretofore have been made by me.

First, I will and desire that at my death my body shall occur a place and decent burial with appropriate funeral services, without any ostentation or parade, and that my body shall be deposited in my family burying ground on the premises where I now live, and that if at any time this property should hereafter be sold and pass out of the family, I desire that my Executors shall purchase a suitable lot at such place as my children desire and that my body together with such other members of my family & relatives as an intired person shall be named to the said lot so purchased, my soul I commit to God, confidently trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ for salvation.

Second, I desire, that my funeral expenses, and the expenses of putting up suitable tombstones to my own grave, and such other of the graves of my family as may not have tomb stones shall be forth paid.

Third, I will and desire that all my just debts shall be next paid, & the expenses of administration.

Fourth, I will and desire that all the property that came by or through my wife, shall go back to my said wife, to be held and owned by her as her own property, to be used and enjoyed by her and our son George W. Pepper. I have referred to my present wife Mary E. formerly Mary E. Paylor.

Fifth, I am indebted to my beloved wife Mary E. Pepper in the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars in being the amount of a note which her Mother held on me during her Mothers life and which note was given to my said wife by her Mother at her death. This money I have word, and it belongs to my said wife Mary E. and I will and desire that it shall be paid back to her by my Executor out of my estate.

Sixth, I will and desire that in addition to the foregoing provisions that my Executors shall pay to my beloved wife Mary E. the sum of one thousand dollars out of the proceeds of the sales of my lands when they shall be sold by my Executors, as herein after provided.

Seventh, I will and desire that my Executor shall pay to my son George W. Pepper the sum of one thousand dollars out of the proceeds of the sales of my lands when they shall be sold as herein after directed.

Eighth, I will and desire that the Factory near Abingdon Washington County, Virginia known as "Abingdon Woolen Mills" together with all land buildings and appurtenances belonging to the same at my death shall go to my two sons John A. Pepper and Alexander P. Pepper, to be owned by them in equal interests, in fee simple. I intend this devise to cover also all the machinery belonging to said Factory, all rights of water and other privileges, and all stock and material that may be on hands at my death, to go to my said two sons John A. and Alexander P. in fee simple and in equal interests aforesaid.

Ninth, I will and desire that after paying all just debts that I may owe at my death, that my two sons John A. Pepper and Alexander P. Pepper shall have and own in fee simple in equal interests, all debts and demands of what-soever character that may be owing to me, or that I am indebted to either in my own right or through any partnership. I may have heretofore been interested in, and it is my desire that my Executors shall collect all demands due me or my estate as soon as possible and apply the proceeds thereof in accordance with this provision of my will. One David R. Pierce of Wythe County, Virginia is indebted to me in the sum of something over nine hundred dollars, and also interest thereon for a number of years which debt is secured by a deed of trust covering several tracts of land in Wythe County, and Smyth and adjoining Counties in Virginia, which lands formerly belonged to Mary Pierce the wife of old David Pierce, in which said deed of trust Chas. B. Thomas of Wytheville is Trustee. I desire my Executors to proceed at once to collect the money due under this trust deed as soon as possible, and pay the same over in equal parts to my two sons John A. Pepper and Alexander P. Pepper according to the provisions of the ninth clause of this will. This deed of trust also referred to was originally executed for the benefit of Pierce and Pepper to secure the sum of about fifteen hundred dollars, or near that sum, and I am informed that Pierce has collected his part of said debt, and that the remaining part is coming to me.

Tenth, I have a suit pending in chancery in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Virginia with John M. Grinnell to recover a certain lot in the town of Goodson, which lot is

designated in the pleadings, also rules &c. I will and desire that whatever I shall receive in said suit shall go in equal interests to my two sons John A. Pepper and Alexander P. Pepper in fee simple.

Twelth. I desire that my property in Goodson Washington County Virginia when I now reside including the land & buildings, stables, outhouses and appurtenances belonging to same then being about five acres and half more or less, shall remain as it now is and that my wife Mary E. and my children if they desire to do so shall make it their home for of charge, as they have always made it until such time as my Executors shall deem it for the best interests of my estate to sell it. Then I desire my Executors to sell the same in such terms as in their judgment may be best & promote the best interests of my estate.

Thirteenth. I will and desire that my lands in Tennessee near Bristol in Sullivan County, adjoining Dr. W. D. Dulaury on the South, the lands of Wm. Cowan on the west, and Welsh on the north-east & English on the South-east containing forty-eight acres and a half more or less, shall remain as they are to be used by my said wife and children for their mutual benefit, if they desire to use them until such time as my Executors shall deem it for the best interests of my estate to sell the same. Then I will and desire that my Executors shall sell the same in such terms as in their judgment may be best, and promote the best interests of my estate.

Fourteenth. It is my will and desire that the proceeds of the sale of the lands and property devised by twelfth and thirteenth clauses of this my will to be sold, after first paying to my wife the one thousand dollars devised to her by the sixth clause of this will, and after paying to my son George A. Pepper the one thousand dollars devised to him by the seventh clause of this will, and after paying and liquidating the costs & expenses of the Administration of my estate, that the residue thereof shall be paid over by my Executors in equal parts to my two sons John A. Pepper and Alexander P. Pepper to be owned by them in equal parts in fee simple.

Fifteenth. As to my household and kitchen furniture, and cows cattle & other stock that may be in hands, and any other property I may own at my death, not herein

disposed of I leave for my beloved wife and children to make such disposition of as they may see fit.
Sixteenth. I hereby nominate and appoint Dr. William D. Dulaury, and my son Alexander P. Pepper my Executors, to execute this my last will and testament, and any counsel or advice they may need in the administration of my estate, it is my will and desire that as far as practicable they consult with Nat. M. Daylor Esq.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This the day of 16 day of March 1889.

J. A. Pepper (seal)

And the undersigned have been called upon to sign this will as witnesses, and he has acknowledged the execution of the same in our presence, to be his last will & testament & we have signed the same as such witnesses in the presence of each other & in presence of the testator.

Witnesses
Camm Anderson
J. K. Brown

Done in open Court by the oaths of Camm Anderson and J. K. Brown, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument, and the same was ordered to be recorded in the book of wills. May 13th 1889.

Rich. N. D. Bachman Clerk

Last will and Testament

Martha Brown Dec'd. (Rebated from term 1889)

State of Tennessee Sullivan Co. March the 9 1889.

I Martha Brown being of mature age & sound mind and conscious of the certainty of death, and being possessed of some property, I wish to distribute as follows. - in the first place I give my son Wm. A. Brown my black man, also my clock, also one red cow, in second place I give my son Jacob A. Brown one white cow, to my Grandson Dilan Brown one yew shap, to my Grand son Will Blum one yew shap, to my Grand daughter Mattie Blum one shap, to my Grand daughter Minnie Catharine Brown one bed, 2 covers of straw tick, feather bed, 2 pillows one shap one quilt, two yellow slips, also one spotted Huffer, to my Grand daughter Malinda McQuinn one Bra stand, to my son in law