

Witness present
J. B. Miller
D. W. Willard.

David Willard (Seal)

Proven in open court by the oaths of D. B. Miller and D. W. Willard and the same being adjudged and decreed to be the last will and testament of David Willard deceased, and ordered to be recorded. This the 7th day of Nov 1895

J. M. Fair Clerk

Last Will and Testament

A. E. Bushong Decd.

Proved Jan'y Term 1896

In the name of God amen, I David E. Bushong being sound in mind, sober, free and full in body, and in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. Do make public and declare this to be my last will and testament.

1st I will my soul to God who gave it, and consign my body to the ground from which it was taken
2nd That after my funeral expenses and lawful debts are all paid, I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary E. Bushong all of my real and personal estate to hold and to have full control during her natural life
3rd After the death of my beloved wife Mary E. Bushong, I will and bequeath to each of my beloved children their share an equal share of the estate then remaining except in case that some one or more of my children should furnish money or means to pay off the indebtedness now against my estate, they may be to be remunerated according to the accounts paid by cash out of the proceeds of the estate.

Whereunto I have subscribed my name on this 31st day of Oct. 1895-

D. E. Bushong.

Witness

D. W. Miller
J. H. Petty John

Proven in open court by the oaths of D. W. Miller and J. H. Petty John the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and the same was adjudged and decreed to be the last will and testament of D. E. Bushong deceased, and ordered to be recorded. This the 6th day of Jan'y 1896.

J. M. Fair, Clerk

Last Will & Testament } Foreign Will.

M. B. Tate

I Mitchell B. Tate, of the County of Smith, and State of Virginia,

being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me whenever made.

I devise to my beloved wife, Amelia Tate, during her life that part of my home place including the dwelling house which I purchased of S. D. Sanders and his children, of John Harris, of Robert Jackson, of Joe Melchard, of Garmanway hire, and of Robert S. Bonham, containing about one thousand acres or more.

I bequeath to my wife, Amelia Tate also five thousand dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors, hereinafter named, at once if possible, but if not, as soon as convenient; this sum to be paid out of the funds of the firm of Robinson, Tate & Co., as soon after my death as possible.

I also bequeath to my wife, Amelia Tate one thousand dollars in value of such stock as is on the home place at my death, such as horses, cattle, etc., as she may desire to keep, the said stock to be selected by her.

I also devise and bequeath to her my interest in the Pierce furnace property in Wayne County, including

I devise and bequeath to my son James D. Tate, at the death of my wife the real estate which I have previously devised to her for life, containing one thousand acres or more.

all the land, property, debts, goods, stock, etc., belonging to the same furnace property, and used in connection therewith at my death.

I make the above devises and bequests to my wife, Amelia Tate, in lieu of dower, and hope they will be satisfactory, as it is my wish and desire to amply provide for her comfort and independence.

I devise to my son James D. Tate that part of my Home place which I purchased of Garrison, of Hutton, of John L. McBready, of John McBready's heirs, lying principally in Washington County, also the Vineyard tract, and a some mountain land adjoining the same which I purchased of Estes, McKinnis, for McBready, of John McBready's heirs, all containing eight hundred acres or more.

I bequeath to my son, James D. Tate also ten thousand dollars in money to be paid to him, or his guardian, if he has not reached the age, at my death, as soon after my death as convenient part of the firm funds of Robinson, Tate & Co., of Lynchburg.

I bequeath to my son, James D. Tate also my interest in the Glamorgan Company at Lynchburg.

I bequeath to my son, James D. Tate also my interest in the Spudwell furnace property, my interest in the Beverly furnace property, my interest in the Raven Cliff furnace property, my interest in the Wythe furnace property, and my interest in the Eagle furnace property, with all the land and property of every kind, such as goods, chattels, debts, etc., belonging to the said furnace properties, and used in connection therewith at my death, and also all the real estate purchased and owned by my Robinson, Brockat and myself in Wythe County, which were purchased by us for the purpose of being used in connection with the aforesaid furnace properties.

I also devise to my son, James D. Tate a house and lot which I own in my own right entire, and in my own name in the City of Lynchburg.

I also devise to my son, James D. Tate two-thirds of my interest in several houses and lots owned

jointly by myself and John W. Robinson, in the City of Lynchburg.

I also devise, ^{to my son}, James D. Tate all the rest and residue of my property both real and personal, of every kind and description, which I may now have and own, or which I may acquire after this time and prior to my death, including debts due me, except the property hereinafter named which I devise and bequeath to my daughter, Rosa C. Wren, and her children, if she have any.

^{After} this rest and residue above mentioned I require my son, James D. Tate to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, and I require him also to pay out of the same one thousand dollars to my friend Daniel Fiegg, of Abingdon, and one thousand dollars to my friend James H. Gilmore of Marion, which sums I bequeath to them, and if he has to sell any of this property to pay the debts and legacies above mentioned, I desire him to sell first what is known as my Rye Valley property, which is included in the rest and residue above mentioned.

I bequeath to my daughter, Mathe Bell Tate fifty dollars to be paid to her ^{by the} executors out of this residue given to James D. Tate as above, and I give her no more of my estate.

I devise and bequeath to my daughter, Rosa C. Wren, during her life time, the following real and personal estate, to wit: - the Bough place, the Byars place, the Patterson place, the Ward place, containing about six hundred acres in Smyth County, my interest in the Merchantile concerns of Robinson, Tate & Co., of Lynchburg, & except the sum of ten thousand dollars heretofore bequeathed to my son, James D. Tate, and five thousand dollars heretofore bequeathed to my wife Amelia Tate, and one-third of my interest in certain houses and lots owned jointly by myself and John W. Robinson in the City of Lynchburg, and if, ^{at} after her death she should have any children, or the descendants of any children living, then over to them, but if at her death there should be no children of her or any descendants of her children living then the

property above mentioned shall go to my son James D. Tate, if he be then living, or to his children if he be dead and leave children, but if he die without children living at his death, then to such persons as he may devise and bequeath the same to.

It is my will and desire that my son shall not interfere with the management of the furnace properties hereinafter devised and bequeathed to him for two years after my death, but that he shall permit those who are managing the said properties at my death to continue to manage them for two years thereafter as above stated, it being my opinion that the said furnace properties ~~will~~ be injured by any other course and it will be for the benefit of my son and all others interested therein to pursue this course.

It is my wish and desire that my children shall accept the provisions made for them in this Will and not waste any portion of my estate in litigation.

I nominate and appoint my friend John W. Robinson, my son-in-law, William B. Wren, and my son James D. Tate my executors, and I desire that no security shall be required of them, as I have every confidence that they will, if they so undertake, discharge faithfully the duties required of them, and it is my request that James B. Gilmore be employed by my executors so far as may be necessary as attorney in any litigation ^{that} they may have, and I here desire to state that this last clause and the bequest to the said Gilmore of one thousand dollars have been inserted in this will at my special instance and request, and this legacy of one thousand dollars to the said Gilmore has nothing to do with his employment as my counsel, but is an independent legacy to him for no consideration than that of friendship.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal, this 22 day of November, 1883
(Signed) M. B. Tate

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by M. B. Tate as his last will and testament in our presence, we both being present at the same time, and we subscribe this will as witnesses in the presence of M. B. Tate, the testator, and at his request.
Witness our hands and seals this 22 day of November, 1883.

(Signed) J. H. Greener seal

(Signed) James H. Gilmore seal

Codicil

I hereby revoke the donation given of one thousand dollars to each of J. H. Gilmore and D. Trigg, and in lieu thereof give to D. Trigg twenty five hundred dollars.

(Signed) M. B. Tate

Codicil, 2nd

I desire to change further the provisions of my said Will in reference to the devise made to my son James D. Tate of my interest in the Spudwell furnace property and the Eagle furnace property, as follows:

1. I devise to my daughter Mittie B. Shuff one third of my interest (which is one ninth of the whole) in the lands composing the Spudwell furnace property, which were bought from David E. Jones, Justice J. Percival, and others, as shown by the deed to Crockett & Co., and the lands adjoining and held in conjunction therewith, bought from Thomas San-
naway and a C. M. Kitchen. And I also devise to my said daughter, Mittie B. Shuff one third of my interest (which devise is one ninth of the whole) in the lands composing the Eagle furnace property which were bought from Robinson and Graham. The residue of said property is devised and bequeathed to my son James D. Tate as set forth and specified in said Will.

2. The clause of my said ^{will} by which I gave to my said daughter, Mittie B. Tate (now Shuff) fifty dollars and no more is hereby revoked.

Given under my hand seal

This 25 day of Sept. 1886.

(Signed) M. B. Tate

The within Codicil to his last will is signed, sealed and subscribed by the Testator, M. B. Tate, in our presence and in the presence of each other, and is witnessed by us at his request. This Sept. 25th 1886.

(Signed) N. C. St John

(Signed) A. H. Tate.

Virginia: At a Court held for Smyth County
19 Sept. 1896

The last will and testament of M. B. Tate, deceased with the Codicils thereto annexed, was presented in Court, and the said will was proven by the oath of Jas H. Brewer subscribing witness thereto, and Codicil 2 was proven by the oath of N. C. St. John & A. H. Tate subscribing witnesses thereto, and the signature of M. B. Tate to first Codicil to said will was proven to be genuine and to be in handwriting of the testator, and the said will and Codicils are ordered to be recorded; and John R. Robinson & Mrs H. Wren, two of the executors named in the said will having refused to take upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof, and on motion of James D. Tate the other executor therein named who made oath thereto entered into and acknowledged his bond without security in the penalty of \$20,000⁰⁰ conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will with the Codicils annexed in due form of law.

Teste: J. H. Colleton, C. C.

State of Virginia }
County of Smyth } To wit:

I, W. C. Sexton Clerk of the County Court of said County and a Justice, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript of the record of the last will and testament of M. B. Tate, deceased, and probate thereof from the records of the said Court.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and annex the seal of said Court at office in the town of Marion, this 7th day of January 1896

W. C. Sexton Clerk

Virginia: County of Smyth

I G. H. Hodge Judge of the County Court of Smyth County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that W. C. Sexton who hath given the foregoing certificate, is Clerk of the said Court, and that his attestation is in due form given under my hand this 7th day January 1896

G. H. Hodge
Judge

Last Will and Testament of
John W. Bowser Decd. Pro Valed Jan. Term 1896

- I John W. Bowser, of the County of Sullivan and the State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, and knowing that life is uncertain and that death is sure, to come sooner or later, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby by writing any and all other words to form none.
- 1st I desire that my burial expenses and doctor bills shall be paid as soon after my decease as it can be done.
- 2nd I give grant and devise to my wife, Sarah Bowser all the real and personal estate of which I may die seized unless she should be one of the personal property that she may desire to keep or take care of and in that event my desire is that so much as she may not want shall be sold to the highest bidder, and the money applied as hereinafter provided. The above gift to my wife Sarah Bowser is for and during her life time, but at her death, my desire is that my real estate consisting of the farm on