

## Robert Blair's Will

Robert Blair of a sound mind and memory doth make this my last will & testament. First & all I command my soul to a kind God trusting you may alone & the atonement of My Lord Jesus Christ - in hope to be found in a happy resurrection. Second I command my body to the earth to be buried in a decent becoming Christian manner. 3<sup>d</sup> I do will all my just and lawful debts to be paid. 4<sup>th</sup> During my will I leave wife Sarah my widow & I recommend that they break out house keeping but that she keep the children altogether if she marries them to be in the discretion of their guardians and such state as may be found to be equally and honestly divided amongst Mother & child Mr. Mary & Martha Anne Isabell and David and for James Brown my loving boy I have a desire he should stay with them, when he comes of age I will that he gets a good horse and saddle a Mattock as how with good clothes also to get all schooling payable also my own children to be well schooled & taught up in a sober and Christian manner and for the true performance of this my last will I appoint my truly friend Robert Allison and my two loving Brothers John and William. Executors to see my will put in effect with every ample power which can descend from a testator. Signs with my hand and sealed with my last will This 6<sup>th</sup> of April 1801

Robert Blair

John Blair

Alex<sup>t</sup> Blair  
John Cunningham

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of James Blair one of the subscribers witness thereto at February sessions 1802 & record to be sound - John Blair Robert Allison and William Blair executors to the foregoing wills

## Seliam Mitchell Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Adam Mitchell of the State of Virginia & County of Washington being weak of body but of a sound mind do make & ordain this my last will and testament (A.D.) To my wife Elizabeth I bequeath her Maintenance here to come on the presentation when I now live Secondly To my son Robert I bequeath all that property which I have already given him. Thirdly To my son William I bequeath One hundred and seven acres of land lying in Guilford County N Carolina together with the property which he has already received - fourthly I bequeath to my daughter Margaret all that property which she has already received fifthly I bequeath to my son John One hundred acres of land more or less running along the right line from the line with the Meadow fence to the original line between the place where I now live and the land belonging to the King of John Fair and beginning at the same place running along the road to his plantation in the Allegation of John B McMechan including a tract of land purchased of James McMechan except twenty five acres - lastly to my son Adams I bequeath all my eight and telle of two hundred acres of land purchased of James McMechan together with all the property which he has already received - lastly to my sons Simon and James & Margaret I bequeath the remainder of my land to be divided amongst them to the intent that

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equally I give and bequeath to my daughter Abby Rebua one being a sister proportionately the portion of property given to my daughter Margaret Lastly it is my will that all debts be paid from the last wills production of the place but if this will not be sufficient property must be sold for that purpose In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord 1802 and executors

Abby Fair

John Hamner The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of Abigail Fair & John Hamner the subscriber witness thereto at February sessions 1802 & ordered to be recorded

## Benjamin Shippley Will

Know all men that may be these present Greeting That I Benjamin Shippley of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia being advanced in age and weakly in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory do make and put in writing this paper of protest to be my last will and testament in presence & from following that is to say first My will and desire is that

all my last debts and funeral expenses be fully paid as a stipulation secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth peaceable possession of the house and provodage of a good reversion thereto that I now live in of the Hall Chase to her after my death and to have the prodcency of pasture for one cow & calf in one of the fields that may be fit to pasture and to have pastured cut & left in open drovethereas she has haled to the owner and to have rough food & green sufficient for the creatures in winter and to be furnished with as much grain of any kind that she may want and meet with other reasonable charges that she may want as long as she may live out of the property of my estate also my will & desire is that my said wife have the use of all the household furniture that I shall die possessed of as long as she may live she to have her choice of the cows that I may die possessed of

thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Shippley the plantation when or I now live and as is in several tracts my desire is that he shall have the whole and as there is a tract of that I have not yet got a deed for I do hereby give him privilege to get the same his own name also all the horses cattle sheep hogs & necessary chattels that I may die possessed of except the one cow and calf mentioned above to be my said wife and one little hog farm commonly called Little Roberts but my said son Nathan

for the use during the lifetime of my said wife to furnish her in the manner above inted and to be his for ever fourthly I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Shippley daughter to my son Nathan that one little commonalty called Little Roberts before and of it shall lies till I die or if it shall be more at the time of my death fifthly whereas I have heretofore given to all my children except my son Nathan land enough times which I then thought I could a share and as I then meant that what I then gave them should be their portion of my estate I now bequeath to each of them the said land I then gave to as more enough to my son being Sarah & bequeath to

Benjamin Shifley Will

My son Nathan Shifley to be executor of this My last will & testament & command to all the legatees I do acknowledge the piece of writing to be my last will and testament and now other revoking & making void all other will or wills hitherto by me made In testimony whereof I bear witness to my hand & affixa my seal this second day of April one thousand eight hundred and two.

Benjamin Shifley (Seal)

In the presence of  
Joseph Brister  
James Blumhauer

The foregoing will was proven in court by the death of Joseph Brister one of the subscribers witness thereto at February 4th 1803 and admitted to record. Nathan Shifley qualified as executor to the foregoing will

James Seckins 1803

March the first instant having died

In the name of the County of Washington & State of Virginia  
do declare in the first place that all my last debts and funeral charges be paid & the expense of giving the dead for the land I now live on be also discharged  
I do give & bequeath unto my dear and loving wife my bed & the remainder of all my property to support her & house & school the children as long as she remains single  
If she should marry then I give and bequeath unto her the one third of the house furniture and one horse saddle & bridle to be valued to one hundred dollars in cash and the remainder of the house furniture to be divided equally between my two daughters and the rest property to be divided equally between my two sons and the land to be sold & divided equally between my four children  
I do appoint George and Samuel Davis to be my executors to this my last will and testaments to which I put my hand and seal my day and year above written  
test

James McWhorter  
Polly Peary McWhorter

James Seckins (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in court by the death of  
Polly Peary McWhorter one of the subscribers witness thereto at May 4th 1803  
and admitted to be record. George and Samuel Davis qualified as executors to  
the foregoing will

Alexander Lewis Will

In the Name of God amen

I Alexander Lewis of Washington County and State of Virginia being in a very weak and low state of health but of perfect mind and memory testify in to God for the divine blessing to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and execute this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & command my soul into the hands of god who gave it and my body I command to the earth to be buried in a plain decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as I now possess after paying my just debts of love and dispose of the same as follows - I give unto Jacob McWhorter for the use of his eldest son one young heifer - I give to George Blumhauer for the use of his son one young heifer I give unto my daughter Rebuck one Cow - I give unto my daughter Eleanor one young heifer and I give and bequeath unto my wife Deborah Ellisor the use of my other possession of my bed for her lifetime and after her decease it is to belong to my son William and I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Deborah and my son William executors to the execution of this my last will and testament and I do hereby disclaim and revoke all other wills & this only to be My last will and testament April 10th 1803

by hand & delivered in

In the presence of

George Blumhauer  
Sarah Smith  
John Parker  
R. Lewis

The foregoing will was proven in court by the death of Robert Lewis &  
Sarah Blumhauer two of the subscribers witness thereto at August 4th 1803  
and admitted to be record. William Lewis qualified as executor  
to the foregoing will

Alexander Lewis (Seal)  
mark

John Blairs Will

In the Name of God amen

On the sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three John Blair of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia finding myself weak and sick in body set down in Beaquist and Morney and calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die have made and constituted and appointed the following and none other to be my last will & testament notwithstanding all I do now nominate and choose of my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but that at the last day I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God - and as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I do bequeath Boston & Larchmont of it in the manner and form following (towns) As to my plantation which contains two hundred and eighty acres two hundred of which I leave to my adopted son James Moore and the remainder to my beloved wife Nancy Blair and on condition of my adopted son James Moore continuing to take care of and provide for my wife Nancy Blair it is to have the half of the little dock and luffe and likewise one dollar to my brother James Blair and another dollar to my brother James Blair and also one young mare to my adopted son James Moore and the other two horses I leave to my adopted son James Blair and the other to my son John Blair