

Will of David Woodroof

Amherst County, Virginia: Will Book 5, pp. 633-635

In the Name of God, Amen

I David Woodroof of Amherst County and state of Virginia being weak and low but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

I give to beloved wife Clary Woodroof thirty pounds per year to be paid to her annually by my executors during her natural life. I also lend to my said wife Clary during her natural life the house and garden where I now live and two negroes, viz Dolley and Sophia, one horse and saddle and feather bed and furniture which said lent property at the death of my said wife Clary is to be given up to my Executors the house and garden excepted and do hereby direct my said Executors to dispose of the said property by a fair and singnal (sic) sale on twelve months credit bonds with good security to easy interest from the date if no punctually paid and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst all my Legatees, John Taylor excepted. I also give to my son William Woodroof the tract of land where on I now live including both sides of Lynches Rode to him and his heirs forever. I give to my grandson John Taylor one shilling specie and no more and whereas my son Thomas Woodroof has departed this life leaving behind his two daughters, viz Matilda and Amanda It is my will and desire that the said two fatherless children with my grandson John Taliafero Hill shall be considered as one Legatee and receive one seventh part of my real and personal estate not herein before given, all the residue of my esate to the real and personal of every description to be divided between my Legatees viz John Woodroof, David Woodroff, Jesse Woodroof, James Woodroof, William Woodroof, Nancy Harrison and the three fatherless children as above recited and finally I appoint my son David Woodroof, John McDaniel, Richard Powell, Robert Walker, and Thomas Crews executors to this my last will and testament in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day March Eighteen Hundred and Thirteen.

Signed, sealed, and delivered

David Woodroof {seal}

Nelson Dawson
Edmund L. Woodroof
Tom Harrison

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th day February 1817.

This last will and testament of David Woodroof Senr., dec'd, was produced into court and proved by the oaths of Nelson C. Dawson and Edmund L. Woodroof two witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And Robert Walker, John McDaniel, and Thomas Crews the executors named in said will qualified, entered into, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$30,000 conditioned as the law directs. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Know all men by these presents that we Robert Walker, John McDaniel, Thomas Crews, Ambrose Rucker, and Rueben Coleman are held and firmly bound unto Charles Taliaferro, Nelson C. Dawson, James Powell and Charles Munday Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said justices and their successors we bind ourselves and

each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals this 17th day of February in the year of our lord 1817 and in the 41st year of the commonwealth. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Ro. Walker, Tho. Crews, and John McDaniel executors of the last will and testament of David Woodroof perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Walker, Crews, and McDaniel as into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for them and the same so made do exhibit or caused to be exhibited in the County Court of Amherst at such time as they shall be thereunto required by the said court and the same goods, chattels, and credits and all other the goods, chattels, credits of the said decrease which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession or knowledge of the said Robt. Walker, Thos. Crews, and John McDaniel or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for them to well and truly administer according to law and further make do make a just and true account of their actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said court and also shall well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits well there unto ___ and the law shall change then this obligation to be void and of no effect also to remain in full force and virtue signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

John McDaniel {seal}
Robert Walker {seal}
Thomas Crews {seal}
Reuben Coleman {seal}
Ambrose Rucker {seal}

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th February 1817 this executors bond was acknowledged in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Genealogical Analysis

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- David Woodroof
 - Resident of Amherst County, Virginia
 - Died between 15 Mar 1813 and 17 Feb 1817
- Spouse
 - Clary
- Heirs
 - Wife - Clary
 - Son - John Woodroof
 - Son - David Woodroof
 - Son - Jesse Woodroof
 - Son - James Woodroof
 - Son - William Woodroof
 - Daughter - Nancy Harrison
 - Grandson – John Taylor
 - Grandson – John Taliaferro Hill
 - Granddaughter – Matilda Woodroof
 - Granddaughter – Amanda Woodroof
- Others Mentioned
 - Son – Thomas Woodroof, deceased, father of Matilda and Amanda
- Witnesses
 - Nelson Dawson
 - Edmund L. Woodroof
 - Tom Harrison
- Executors
 - David Woodroof
 - John McDaniel
 - Richard Powell
 - Robert Walker
 - Thomas Crews
- Probate
 - Date 17 Feb 1817
 - Executors
 - Robert Walker
 - John McDaniel
 - Thomas Crews

where Collected will be equal to \$27 22 & 2 to each of the
 above named Legatees the above ~~Sold~~ Land was might
 warranted now to be defined only such as was noted in
 the above named Legatees

Samuel Gills
 John Gilliam
 & Matthew Powden

At a Court held for Amherst County the 25th January
 1817 This Report of the Commissioners appointed to
 divide the Estate of Ashtcraft Brack died was this day
 returned into Court and ordered to be recorded

Teste

In the name of God, Amen I David Woodroof of Amherst County
 & State of Virginia being weak & Low tint of Sound mind & memory
 do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament I give to
 Beloved wife Clary Woodroof Thirty pounds per year to be paid
 to her annually by my Executors during her natural ^{life} I also lend
 to my said wife Clary during her natural life the house & Garden
 where I now live & Two Negroes viz Dolley & Sophia one Horse &
 Saddle one Feather Bed & Furniture which said lent property
 at the death of my said wife Clary is to be given up to my Execu-
 tors the House & Garden Excepted & do hereby direct my said
 Executors to dispose of the said property by a fair & Singl
 al Sale on twelve months Credit Bonds with Good Security to
 carry Interest from the date if not punctually paid & the

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Money arising from the Sale thereof to be Equally Divided
 Amongst all my Legatees, John Taylor Excepted I also give
 to my son William Woodroof the Tract of Land whereon
 I now live Including Both sides of Lynchies Road to him &
 his heirs forever I give to my grand son John Taylor
 one Shilling Specie and no more & whereas my son Thom-
 as woodroof has departed this life leaving behind him
 two Daughters viz Matilda & Amanda It is my will &
 Desire that the Said two fatherless Children with my
 grand son John Taliaferro Hill shall be Considered as one
 Legatee & receive one seventh part of my real & personal
 Estate not here in before given, all the Residue of my Estate
 both real & personal of every description to be divided be-
 tween my Legatees viz John Woodroof David woodroof J^r.
 Jesse woodroof James woodroof William woodroof Nancy
 Harrison & the three fatherless Children as above Recited
 & I finally appoint my son David woodroof John Daniel
 Richard Powell Sr. Robert Walker & Thomas Crews Executors

to this, my last will & Testament in Witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & Seal this Fifteenth day March
 Eighteen Hundred & Thirteen
 Signed Sealed & Delivered

David Woodroof

In the presence of

Nelson (Dawson)

Edmund L Woodroof

Tom Harrison

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th day February 1817
 This last will and Testament of David woodroof Senior and
 was produced into court and proved by the oaths of Nelson
 & Dawson and Edmund L Woodroof two witnesses thereunto
 and ordered to be recorded - and Robert Walker John Mc
 Daniel and Thomas Crews the Executors named in said
 will qualified entered into & acknowledged a Bond in the
 penalty of \$30,000

Conditioned as the law directs - Certificate is granted
 them for obtaining a probat thereof in due course
 of Law

Know all men by these presents that we Robert Wal-
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 & Reuben Coleman are held and firmly bound unto
 Charles Taliaferro Nelson & Dawson James Powell
 and Charles Munday Gentlemen Justices of the
 Court of Amherst County now sitting for the purpose

Fifteen thousand Dollars to the paymen whereof well
 and truly to be made to the said Justice and their
 Successors we bind ourselves and each of us our and
 each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, joint-
 ly and severally firmly by these presents sealed
 with our seals, this 17th day of Feb^ry in the year
 of our Lord 1817 and in the 11th year of the Com-
 monwealth. The Condition of this obligation
 is such that if the above bound Robt Walker
 Tho: Lewis & John M Daniel executors of the last
 will and Testament of David Woodruff perfect
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 els and credits of the said deceased which have or
 shall come to the hands possession or knowled-
 ge of the said Walker Lewis & M Daniel or into the
 hands and possession of any other person or persons
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 to be exhibited in the County Court of Amherst at su-
 ch time as they shall be thereunto required by the
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 said deceased which at any time after shall come
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 according to law and further do make a just and true
 account of their actings and doings there in when
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 well and truly pay or deliver all the legacies
 contained and specified in the said Testament
 as far as the said goods Chattels and and credits
 well thereunto extend and the law shall charge
 then this obligation to be void and of no effect
 else to remain in full force and virtue Signed
 sealed and delivered in
 the presence of

John M Daniel Seal
 Robt Walker Seal
 Tho: Lewis Seal
 Reuben Solomon Seal
 Abner Rucker Seal

At a court held for Amherst County the 17th February 1817
 This Executors Bond was acknowledged in open Court
 and ordered to be recorded. Teste