

Virginia: At a Court held for Smyth County on Tuesday the 19  
day of February 1835

The foregoing, last will and testament of  
William Richardson deceased, was proved in Court by the  
oaths of Thomas M Tate and Joshua Hubble witnesses thereto  
and ordered to be recorded

Teste James B Puddledton D.C.

Elizabeth  
Blessings  
Will

In the Name of God Amen - I Elizabeth Blessing  
the County of Smyth and State of Virginia being in a  
state of health, but of sound memory and disposing mind  
and knowing that life is uncertain and that death is  
inevitable to all do hereby make this my last will and  
testament in manner and form following viz - after my  
just debts and funeral expences are paid.

Item 1. I will and desire that my negro woman Betty  
be free at my decease, and must see to her own support during  
her life, as I shall not make any provision for her out of  
any part of my estate.

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan my  
board the one sitting in my room, I also give to my daughter  
Ann Byars one small pot or oven which ever shee may choose  
also I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth  
daughter of my son Solomon my table also I give and  
bequeath to my grand daughter son of David Blessing one  
horse colt which is now in their possession. I also give and  
bequeath to my grand daughter Adaline Byars daughter of  
A B Byars one small mare colt which they have in their possession

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Debby  
two daughter of David Denton my riding saddle also I give  
bequeath to my grand daughter, Elizabeth daughter of Jacob  
Blessing my small chest, I also give and bequeath to my  
daughter Eliza Smith one large oven, and one huckle, also I  
give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Byars one feather  
bed under bed, bedstead two pillows, bolster, two sheets one blanket  
and one bed quilt or coverlid

Item 4. I give and bequeath the residue of all the property  
of every denomination or kind whatsoever belonging to me and  
all debts that may be due me to three of my daughters


Item 5. And lastly I do hereby appoint my son in law  
Arthur B Byars Executor to this my last will and  
testament with my last request he faithfully and  
with brotherly affection see and execute this my trust  
that I have reposed in him. And also after a further  
consideration I give and bequeath to my grand daughter  
Elizabeth daughter of Jacob one heifer also I also  
give and bequeath to my son David Blesing four sheep  
he has in his possession of mine and lastly desire my  
Executor pay him the sum of Ten Dollars in money  
that may arise from the collection of any debts due my  
estate or otherwise. Given under my hand and seal this  
second day of May in the year of Our Lord Eighteen  
hundred and thirty four.

Witnesses 3

Fanny Brown.

Margaret <sup>her</sup> Phipps.

Nelson Hopkins.

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Blesing 

Virginia at a Court continued and held for Smyth  
County the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835

The foregoing last will and Testament  
of Elizabeth Blesing Deceased was proved in Court by the  
oaths of Fanny Brown, Margaret Phips and Nelson Hopkins  
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste G. B. Pendleton D.C.

I James Davis of the County of Smyth being weak  
in body but of sound mind knowing the uncertainty  
of human life and that it is appointed unto man  
once to die; and having a desire to make such arrangements  
with my temporary affairs as to me it seemeth most just  
and equitable, do hereby make my last will & Testa-  
ment in manner and form following (that is to say)  
First. I desire that my perishable property with the  
exception of my negroes and what other property herein  
after mentioned & devised be immediately sold after my  
decease, and out of moneys arising therefrom all my  
just debts and funeral expences be paid.

James  
Davis's  
Will.