

By amount of hire of Ben a man slave for one year to Zach Shugart due this day & collected	55 "
" Do Do of Solomon hired to James Orr	65 "
" Do Do of Ben 2 ^d year to Z Shugart	66 "
" Do Do of Ben 3 ^d year to Michael Shaver	75 "
By Cash received from the execs of Moses McSpadden fen ^d dec'd being a legacy to the wards	10 "
By interest collected on the above sums to w ^t h, on the \$55 due from Shugart for 1827. \$3.30 - On the \$66 due from same for 1828 \$4.00	7 30
	\$ 270 30

Pursuant to an order of the Court of Washington County, dated the 19th day of January last, I have stated, settled and adjusted the Guardian account of Thomas McSpadden with the children of Moses McSpadden dec'd and find the same to stand as above stated. I have allowed the guardian twenty five dollars for his trouble & commissions up to this time, which I think reasonable. - The Guardian having made a contract with Thomas Montgomery (who has intermarried with the mother of his wards) to board, cloath & school them, and in consideration thereof and for his wifes thirds of the hire of the negroes, that he the said Montgomery should have the services of the slave Solomon from the first of January 1828 - the hire of that slave will not further appear on the guardian account. All which is most respectfully reported, I being first sworn for the purpose. Given under my hand this 3^d of March 1830.

David Campbell.

At a Court held for Washington County the 16th day of March 1830.

This Settlement of the Guardian account of Thomas McSpadden Guardian of the children of Moses McSpadden jun^r deceased was returned to court by the Commissioners and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
Jacob Lynch J.C.

In the Name of God Amen, I Jacob Blesing sen^r of Washington County and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, and memory, but being in a low state of health and considering that life is uncertain, and that death is the inevitable to all, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament, after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses. In manner & form following, to w^th, I give I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Blesing one negro woman named Betty to dispose of as she may see cause, I further loan her my two negro men to w^th, Daniel and Randolph, during her natural life, I will that the said negroes loaned work on the premises I now occupy under the outwood and direction of my son Solomon, and that the one half of the grain of every description made thereon be at the disposal of my said wife, or otherwise she is to occupy such part of the dwelling house farm and out houses as will be sufficient for her peaceably and comfortable accomodation, during her natural life, and at her death I hereby will and bequeath to my son Solomon and his heirs forever, the farm or tract of land aforesaid including my dwelling house and all other out houses, the said

123. land by a late survey amounts to one hundred and eighty two acres. I give to my wife all the household, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, one young mare named Doll, all my stock of sheep, three mitch cows, all my stock of hogs, and my grain of every description now on hand.

Item. Second. I will and bequeath unto my son Jacob Blessing and his heirs forever two hundred and twenty seven acres of land surveyed from the aforesaid one hundred and eighty two acres given to Solomon.

Item. Third. Having as a legacy agreed to give my son Abraham a certain tract or parcel of land, and after occupying it for some years he appeared dissatisfied, I then suffered to take the land back and at some convenient time to pay him Twelve hundred dollars in lieu for the land. I have since paid him, two negroes, to wit, by name Sam and Sally rated at four hundred dollars - forty five dollars to O'Beatie on account of Gasper Phelps, eighty dollars to Beatie for one mare, one cow ten dollars - and other accounts I have against him unsettled to a considerable amount, and when the last mentioned account is fairly adjusted, I will that my executors hereafter named do pay out of my estate the residue of the Twelve hundred dollars to said Abraham Blessing or his legal representative.

Item. Fourth. I will and bequeath to my son John Blessing and his heirs forever a part of the tract of land whereon he now lives, Beginning at a corner to Manes land and running with Manes line, to Henry Doreheavers line, and with his line to Nathaniel Harro's, ^{to George Harro's line,} and then with his line ^{to John Harro's beginning} corner and from thence to two sugar trees near a branch corner to John Byars' heirs land, from thence with the outside line up to Manes.

Item. Fifth. I will and bequeath to my son David Blessing and his heirs forever the lands whereon he now lives.

Item. Sixth. Having given my daughter Elizabeth (my wife) one hundred and twenty five acres of land whereon she now dwells for the benefit of her children hereafter and other property ^{then} to the amount of seven hundred and fifty four dollars, there only remains for her ^{then} forty six dollars, which I hereby will & bequeath to her and her children.

Item. Seventh. Having given my daughter Mary Wheeler the amount of three hundred and forty five dollars and fifty cents, there yet remains for her four hundred fifty four dollars and fifty cents, which I will and bequeath to her & her heirs forever, and that my executors hereafter named pay the same to her or her heirs.

Item. Eighth. Natharine Denton my daughter having received the sum of six hundred and forty nine dollars, there yet remains for her the sum of one hundred and fifty one dollars, which I bequeath and will unto her and her heirs forever, and that my executors hereafter named pay the same to her as above out of my estate.

Item. Ninth. Having given my daughter Rebecca Rowland the amount of six hundred and sixteen dollars, there only remains for her one hundred and eighty dollars which I will & bequeath unto her and her heirs.

Item. Tenth. Having given my daughter Susannah Byars for the benefit of her and her children only, one negro girl named Almira, priced one hundred dollars, a tract of land, cows, saddle and the security debts paid for her husband Arthur B Byars will amount to her portion of eight hundred dollars, or more. I therefore bequeath no more to her nor any of her heirs.

124 Item 11th. I Will and bequeath to my grandson Joseph Blesing one middle
sized horse & saddle, if he personally applies for it.

Item Twelfth. Having given my daughter Ann Byars the amount of five
hundred and fifty six dollars, to wit, one negro boy named Lee, and one horse,
two cows, bureau and table, one bridle and saddle, and there still remains
for her two hundred and forty four dollars, all of which I will and bequeath to
her and her children, forever.

Item 13th. I Will also that all my heirs having an interest any way in this my
last Will I shall wait for three years after my decease, and take their
pay of my Executors hereafter named, in horses or other good trade at valuation
price.

Item Fourteenth. I Will that my Executors think it is practicable after my
decease if think it advantageous to sell all my surplus land that is not willed
away and take such trade as will answer the purpose of paying up my children
that has not as yet received their portion as stated above.

Item Finally. I do hereby appoint my two sons Jacob Blesing & Solomon
Blesing Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto affixed my seal and set my hand this the ninth day January
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred thirty.

In presence of us.

A. M. Bowen, Joseph Brown
& Nelson Hopkins

Jacob Blesing Sr.

At a Court held for Washington County the 16th day of March 1830.

The last Will and Testament of Jacob Blesing sen^r deceased was exhibited
in court and proved by the oath of Arthur M. Bowen, Joseph Brown & Nelson
Hopkins the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Jacob &
Solomon Blesing the Executors therein named appeared in court and refused
the executorship. And on the motion of Arthur M. Bowen & Jacob Blesing
who took the oath of an administrator with the Will annexed prescribed by law
and entered into and acknowledged their bond in the sum of five thousand
dollars with John Clark & Robert Houston their securities conditioned as the
law directs. A Certificate is therefore granted them for the administration of
the estate of the said Jacob Blesing sen^r deceased with the Will annexed in
due form

Teste
Jacob Lynch Sr.

In the Name of God Amen, I William Tate of the County of
Washington and State of Virginia, being of full age and of perfect mind and
memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.
1st I desire that all my just and lawful debts and my funeral expenses be first
paid out of any property which my Executor hereafter to be mentioned, shall think
most convenient and the least injurious to my estate.
2nd I Will and bequeath to my wife Nancy the whole of my estate as it now stands
both real and personal to be used by her for her benefit support and comfort during
her natural life or whilst she remains my widow, but if she should prove