

directly the balance of the household and kitchen furniture at my wife's death is to be sold by my Executor. It is my will that at my wife's death that my two nephews John and Richard Miller sons of my Brother Richard Miller have my farm on which I now live at the three negroes mentioned in this will together with their increase if any or the proceeds of said negroes if they have to be sold to share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. I furthermore will that after all of my debts are paid and the one thousand dollars heretofore set apart for the benefit of my wife out of any other monies in my Executors hands be it to pay my two nephews David and Thomas Miller sons of my Thomas Miller one hundred dollars three hundred to David and two hundred to Thomas in the currency of the County, if there is any money left after paying the foregoing bequests, it is my will and desire that my Executors pay Christiana & Elizabeth Miller each fifty dollars Melinda Maule fifty dollars Edney Lewis fifty dollars, also Daniel M. Boutin fifty dollars if there is not money enough in my Executors hands to pay the five last bequests, it is my will that at my wife's death, John & Richard Miller be required to make up the deficit, I further authorize my Executors to make a lot to Selover being for a tract of land I sold him on his paying the purchase money. After paying all of the foregoing bequests if there is any money in my Executors hands it is to be equally divided between the Presbyterian & Baptist Churches at Gadsden provided they erect a Baptist Church at that place if not one half to the Baptist Church on Halston river near John Vaneas. It is expressly my will that John Bailey shall have no control or anything to do with the farm or property willed to my wife, all of the foregoing bequests are to be paid in the currency of the County. Lastly I do nominate and appoint John Miller and George R. McCallum my Executors.

Daniel Miller *test*

Signed sealed in the presence of us this the 8th day of July 1863.

Jacob Ruler Jr Henry Harshbroad
Henry Ruler Nathan Boutin

Witness 8th Aug 1863

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This entail is made expressly for the sole purpose to require my two nephews John and Richard Miller sons of my Brother Richard Miller after my death also the daughter of my wife Mary Miller they are required to have both our graves enclosed with a wall of masonry of sufficient height and thickness to make it durable and put the graves also they are to place at the head & foot of each grave pointed tomb stones with suit able inscriptions on the same. this 10th day of July 1863.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence

Jacob Ruler Jr
Henry Ruler

Daniel Miller

Witness 2nd August 1863

State of Tennessee
County of Sullivan

I John C. Rutledge clerk of the county court for said County hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and complete copy of the last will and testament of Daniel Miller deceased which is on file in my office hereunder my hand and official seal at office in Blountville this 16th day of August 1863.

John C. Rutledge clerk

Will of Lucie Carnes.

I Lucie Carnes of Sullivan County Tennessee and a free woman of color do hereby make all other wills heretofore made by me and do make and publish and declare this as my last will and testament. I give devise and bequeath my estate real and personal as follows, viz, I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Carnes (should she survive me) my home plantation where I now live containing about one hundred acres and adjoining William Stanish George Wolford David Hearn and William Wolford during her natural life, and at the death of the said Elizabeth Carnes I devise the tract of land to be the property of and I do hereby devise and give the same to the heirs at law of Lawrence Stephens died who died in the County of the State of Virginia and the advanced age of one hundred years. As I am informed that some of the children of the said Lawrence Stephens are dead but are represented their heirs at law therefore I devise that the grand children of the said Lawrence Stephens shall be entitled to and receive the same amount of the rent and profits of said tract of land up to the expiration of the life of the said Elizabeth Carnes as the duty of said children would be entitled to if living. It is my earnest desire that said tract of land be not sold but that the same be placed in the hands of a trustee who shall be appointed who shall be appointed by the County Court of Sullivan County & who shall require said trustee to give bond with sufficient security to be determined that he will not sell said tract of land except as aforesaid to the said Elizabeth Carnes jointly that he will collect the same annually and pay over to the heirs of the said Lawrence Stephens as they shall be entitled to the same under a proviso clause of this will - but said trustee shall not be appointed until after the death of the said Elizabeth Carnes. It is my earnest desire if not contrary to the policy of the laws of Tennessee that the said tract of land be and remain a source from which the trustee who shall be appointed as aforesaid may collect annually a fund to be distributed as aforesaid until the issue of said Lawrence Stephens shall become of legal age but should the heirs of the said Lawrence Stephens after the life estate of the said Elizabeth Carnes is at an end, devise a sale of said tract of land and a distribution of the proceeds they may do so if they prefer or if a majority prefer it. It is my will that as soon after my death as convenient that my Executors hereinafter to be named shall sell at public or private sale all the personal property that my wife may not have used should she survive me. I devise and bequeath the sum of fifty dollars to be paid by my Executors after my death to _____ (agent who can be my at the time of my death) of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal

Church South for the use of the superannuated and worn out members of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Holston Conference.

I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred dollars one bed and bed clothing one can & call to Elizabeth Garner Ford, but this bequest is not to be received by my Executor, unless the said Elizabeth Garner Ford shall conduct herself in a discreet and virtuous manner and remain with me and my wife or my widow in the event of my death, until she shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. also said Executor is not permitted to pay over to any except a duly appointed Guardian the said sum of one hundred dollars. I give and bequeath the sum of twenty dollars one bed and bed clothing to Rhoda Emma Ford but this bequest is intended and depends upon the same conditions as the above bequest. To the said Elizabeth Garner Ford, 1st it is my will that my Executor after my death and after the sale of my personal property shall first pay my just debts should I owe anything. 2ndly he shall pay the fifty dollars legacy. 3rdly he shall pay the legacy to Elizabeth Garner Ford. 4thly he shall pay the legacy to Rhoda Emma Ford. 5thly he pay the remainder if any there be to my wife should she survive me.

I appoint my friend William Wilford my Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name made my mark and affixed my seal this 18th day of March 1868.

Witness
John J. Smith
Geo M. Logan

Sam^l Garner Ford
make

Proven 9th day of July 1864

Will of Sarah Thatcher

I Sarah J. Thatcher of the County of Sullivan State of Tennessee being in feeble health, but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all or any former wills by me at any time made. 1st It is my will and desire that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my estate.

Second it is my will and desire that my negro man Judge shall be free he has been a faithful and obedient servant and it has been my determination for years to give him his freedom at my death in consideration of his fidelity and obedience to my orders and wishes I therefore now declare that he shall be free at my death, and all the privileges that free persons of color are entitled to under the laws of the State. As regards my other slaves Joshua and Alfred and such personal property as I am possessed of, I at present make no disposition of, but leave the same to be disposed of among my relations as the law prescribes. In Testimony whereof I subscribe my name and affix my seal this 11th day of September 1863. Sarah J. Thatcher (make)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence this 11th day of September 1863

Samuel Pierce

Charles Lynn

Henry Rager

Sam^l Senior

Proven 7th November 1863.

Will of Jacob Slaughter

I Jacob Slaughter being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and declare this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. 1st I will my soul unto God who gave it. 2nd I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and that my body be decently interred. 3rd I will and direct that after my just debts are paid that daughters Baby Catherine Barbary and my two sons John and William have my two acre tract of land lying in Sullivan County and adjoining the lands of Thos White and John Kearly together with all the improvements thereon & all my personal property of every kind and disposition except the legacy hereinafter bequeathed. I further will & direct that my above named three daughters & two sons shall live together & John & William are not to cause either of my daughters to leave their home, and should by mistake either of the girls, or as to cause them or any one of them to leave, then the one so offending shall forfeit his entire interest in my estate and this interest shall go to the three parts above named. I will and direct that my three daughters shall have a home at my home stood so long as they live or until they should marry or otherwise voluntarily absent themselves. I further will to my sons David and Jacob and my daughter Mary Rogers and Betty Barbary shall be paid one dollar each out of my estate to be paid to them out of any money or fund at my death by my Executors. 5th I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons William and John Slaughter my Executors to this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of witnesses this 20th day of December 1863.

Witnesses

Blake Castlen

Isaac Cox

Proven 1st day of Feb 1864

Jacob Slaughter (make)

Will of George Carr

In the name of God, Amen.

I George Carr of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or my first sum into