

Jonah Keene's Will

In the name of God, Amen; I Jonah Keene of the County of Washington Estate of Tennessee, being somewhat weak in body but of sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body; and knowing that it is appointed that all men must die do make this instrument of writing my last will and Testament in the following manner, First I recommend my spirit to God who gave and my body to be buried by my Executor in a decent and respectful manner.

First I will that Robert A. Keene my youngest son have ninety one acres of land in the place I live on and that is to be off of the upper end of the place.

2nd I will and bequeath unto my son Joseph Keene fifty acres on the lower end of the place next John W. Coxes.

4th I will and bequeath unto my son P. A. Keene all the Sack of horses cattle hogs Kall household and kitchen furniture, Beds, Bedding, Bedsteads and all also all the farming utensils, Robert A. Keene is to live with me and to provide for me through life in as comfortable a manner as the nature of the case will admit.

Lastly I nominate my beloved son P. A. Keene my Executor of this my last will and Testament without giving security. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of December, 1846 by making my mark signed and sealed in presence of his

Thomas Pickerson
William H. Wood

Jonah Keene (Seal)
mark

Moses W. Carson's Will

State of Tennessee I Moses W. Carson, being weak of body Washington County, but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in form and manner following viz. 1st I bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Carson all the household and kitchen furniture of every kind of which I may die possessed also all of the slaves which are or may be unappropriated at my death together with all the goods & chattels & live stock which I may own during her natural lifetime to be appropriated to her children as she may choose with the counsel and consent of my Executors except as hereinafter appropriated by me.

2nd I will and bequeath unto Daughter Jane Parger fifty Dollars to be paid by my Executors twelve months after the execution of my will. 3rd I will I bequeath unto my daughter, Linty Crookshanks fifty Dollars to be paid by my Executors twelve months after my will is proven. 4th I will and bequeath unto my three youngest Daughters Elizabeth D. Carson, Martha Margaret Carson & Fannie Carson the plantation which I own known as the Welfy Parger

M. W. Carson's Will

farm which I purchased from him & Daniel Smokes as the Executors of Christian Betty Deek to be divided equally between my three youngest daughters herein named which division is to be made equitably by my Executors by sale or otherwise at the discretion for the best interest of my three said daughters. I furthermore direct that my three youngest daughters herein named be appointed by my beloved wife Margaret Carson and my Executors each alike and in property of a kind until they are made equal both in amount and in kind with my two oldest daughters Jane & Linty the appropriations to be made when they come of age or marry.

5th I wish my Executors to pay all my just debts and my funeral expenses out of debts which are due to me the other property remainder which may be due me I appropriate to my beloved wife Margaret Carson to assist her to support the family which I may leave I also leave to her the plantation whereon I reside as a home for her and her family.

6th I will and bequeath unto my son Alexander the plantation on which I now live subject to the conditions specified in the deed in which I executed to for all part or parcel of land to him.

7th I will and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Carson my gray mare & Cattle, I furthermore give to my wife Margaret Carson one hundred Dollars more or less that I have on hands.

8th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth D. Carson my iron gray mare and Colt known by the name of Kit.

9th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Fannie my roan mare known by the name of Tom.

10th I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Carson & my son Alexander R. Carson the entire stock of Cattle and hogs that is on hands. I furthermore give to my son Alexander the two waggon and farming utensils.

11th I furthermore hold a note of hand on John Clare and Company for four or five hundred Dollars, which I wish to be equally divided among the ares.

12th I will and bequeath unto my son John R. Carson one hundred Dollars which I took in rail road stock.

13th I furthermore wish my stile and utensils belonging to the Distillery to be sold and the proceeds go to the use of the family with any other property that the Executors may think best to sell.

14th I further will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Carson one hundred Dollars to be paid by my son Alexander which is due me also a note of hand I hold on William Clark, I furthermore leave the carriage and harness to my wife Margaret Carson. 15th I hereby constitute and appoint my son John R. Carson

Moses W. Carson's Will.

I Alexander W. Carson my Executor hereby overruling all other wills by me made.

M. W. Carson (Sd)

signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

James Campbell

Allen W. Gillespie.

Ephraim Francis's Will.

State of Tennessee Washington County. April 10. 1852. I Ephraim Francis being very ill in health and knowing that is appointed for all men to die I do make this my last will and testament. First I give my wife about the use of my land during her widowhood so long as she will live upon said lands, and second I want her to have two horses and five head of cattle, all my sheep and all of my hogs and my new wagon and all of my farming tools and all my gearing and all my household and kitchen furniture corn and gearing and she is to have the use of this property for her maintenance and for to raise and school my minor sons and at the expiration of her widowhood this property for to be equally divided amongst my said last children, and if at any time the proceeds of this property she thinks necessary to be sold she can do so and charge the heir that gets it at its value so as to make them equal and if she thinks it best she can let any of the sons have property at its value and charge them with it. Second I give my son reuben Francis the amount of property that I have him charged with upon my Book of accounts for his part of my personal property, third I give my son Franklin Francis the amount of property that I have him charged with upon my book of accounts for his part of my personal property and I want Franklin for to retain my corn meal that he is in possession of in good fix this fall or pay three heirs that is here Eighty five Dollars. Fourth I give my son Thomas Francis my young Bay horse and my Bales saddle. Fifth I give my daughter Mary Ann my new side saddle and flax spinning wheel sixth I give my daughter Maria my new newest side saddle and a flax spinning wheel. Seventh I give my son Meneath my gray filly and my cat saddle and a few dollar note on Daniel Francis especially for his schooling, and all of my books I want them to remain among my children as I have divided them and the family Bible I want their mother to keep as long as she lives and then I want Maria for to have it, and the balance of the money due me first and foremost I want all of just debts paid out of it and the balance I want for a school fund for Andrew and Maria to be equally divided, between them be it more or less and when these two

Ephraim Francis's Will.

I being become eighteen years of age I want them if their choice for to go and learn a trade for to have the liberty to do so and the balance of my personal property that is not bequeathed I want it sold at public sale in a twelve months credit and the proceeds of this property to be given via children and I want the Executor for to keep a Book of account and charge all the heir with all they get at an equal value so as to make them equal as my possessions and I want when I have widow and no minor heirs and I want my real estate for to be equally divided amongst my eight children they may divide the land amongst one another and by draw each other or they may sell the land and divide the money and I want all this will to lay dormant till October Court and I appoint Thomas Francis my Executor and plan Francis Executor and Daniel Francis assistant Executor.

Witness my hand and seal
this 10th day of April 1852
Ephraim Francis (Sd)
Daniel Francis.

John Cannon's Will.

I John Cannon do make and publish this as my last will and testament, being the first and only will I ever made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my two sons Albert S. Cannon, and William Cannon, my homestead, consisting of two deeds containing eighty five acres more or less, together with all its appurtenances thereto belonging. With this proviso that they the said Albert S. Cannon and William Cannon provide for and take care of their mother Elizabeth Cannon, during her natural life, together with their two sisters Mary A. Cannon and Martha J. Cannon as long as either of both of them shall remain single, otherwise to remain with the aforesaid Albert S. and William as long as they or either of them may deem proper to make their home with the two aforesaid Albert S. and William Cannon, and in case that the aforesaid Albert S. and William Cannon shall fail to comply with the foregoing proviso, in providing for and taking care of their mother, Elizabeth Cannon and of their two sisters Mary A. Cannon and Martha J. Cannon my Executor shall provide for them, until the decease of Elizabeth Cannon and then sell the land with its appurtenances and divide the money equally between Albert S. and William Cannon, and their two sisters Mary A. and Martha J. Cannon, or their representatives, after deducting all expenses by the said Executor shall incur for their support by producing vouchers or Bills of his expenses for their benefit.

Thirdly I give and leave in the hands of my Executor Albert S.