

David Deadrick's Will

Chesman. I wish to be buried among them in such a manner as would seem to each that equal justice without making due of any of them. My executor should secure it in the interest of the legatee to make sale of the property or any part thereof in preference to the plan above proposed. They are entitled to the proceeds of the Mann's legacies to be put out on interest with equal security for their benefit until they duly arrive at the age of twenty one year. — The property bequeathed to my wife she is to retain in full possession during her natural life and at her decease it is my will that the property shall be equally divided between all my above named children. I leave as before stated that one thousand dollars of the debt I owe shall be paid out of the debt coming to me at this place and I hereby appoint the following named persons executors of this my last will and testament, my affectionate wife Maryannette Deadrick my son David Deadrick and John Davidson. Given under my hand this fourth day of September 1821.

Thyma Davis and Acknowledged as the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of
John Washington
David Deadrick (Test)

Wm Davidson the foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of William Davidson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at January before 1824

State of Tennessee
Williamson County Court, January before 1825

In presence of the acts entitled an act, empowering the clerk of the peace in Williamson County to take the deposition of John M. White touching the execution of the last will and testament of David Deadrick. Do. paper of the 10th October 1824. The court proceeded to take the deposition of John M. White the juror named in said act touching the execution of the last will and testament of David Deadrick. Do. the juror M. White in said act which is now in the words of paper following to wit. State of Tennessee Williamson County, County, Do. it is remembered that on the 10th day of January 1825 John M. White personally appeared in open court at the Court of peace & quarter sessions for the said County of Williamson, who being first duly sworn on the holy evangelist. I solemnly gave the truth to speak touching the execution of a certain paper in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Deadrick. Do. says he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of David Deadrick. Do. He has seen David Deadrick subscribe his name thereto & heard him acknowledge it as his last will & testament on the day of the date of said will that he was under no error influenced the term of signing said will & that he was in good health for a man of his age and of sound mind & memory. Further to the truth do you believe the paper now before you and which is here annexed is the same instrument that you saw the late David Deadrick execute — Answer, I never witnessed any other instrument purporting to be the last will & testament of David Deadrick. My name thereto is subscribed as witness in my own paper and saying I have a perfect knowledge of the hand writing of David Deadrick. David is John M. White executed in the paper his writing of David Deadrick. Do. & further the said John M. White said that John M. White. Whereupon it is ordered & directed by the court that the Clerk at large upon his oath & of office do recommend a writ to the Clerk of the Court of peace & quarter sessions of Williamson County. In faith of Testimony Whose I have Harrison Clerk of said Court have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Franklin this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five & in the fifth year of our Independence

Revised & Reissued accordingly

The Harrison Clerk

Joseph Martin's Will

Joseph Martin do make this my last will & testament in the manner & form following. In the first place I allow all my last debts & funeral charges to be paid — And then I give & bequeath unto my son Samuel Martin all the plantation on which I now live which is inclosed in four acres also I bequeath to him any claim that I may have to a horse which he now has & also give my Negro Sam, with all my farming utensils and Wagon together with all the tools which I have given excepting the whole of my household & kitchen furniture also one short tail cow and one Holstein cow with a silver and four sheep — Again I give & bequeath to my son Michael & Martin May next to the land known by the Maple Shade lands and should it be got or any thing for it be taken the largest part of it. And lastly I do nominate my son Samuel Martin and John Stephenson executors of this last will & testament & do hereby constitute them as such and do revoke all former wills by me made before death and declare to be my last will & testament this 30th day of December 1823

Joseph Martin (Test)
Mark

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of John M. White & James Rose two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at before before 1824
Samuel Martin qualifies as executor to the foregoing will

Martha Cunningham's Will

In the name of God Amen

I Martha Cunningham of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in a low state of body health, but of sound mind and judgment, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do on this 8th day of November 1825 make this my last will & testament in manner and form following. (Wit) In the first place it is my will that after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid, that the balance remaining of my worldly property together with the use of the plantation on which I now live, with all its appurtenances, be used for the purpose of educating & supporting my three youngest children, Sam, Alexander & Maria Cunningham, William Madison Cunningham and Martha Cunningham until they shall be as well taught and educated as their older Brothers James, Alex, Alexander and William to be made in classical education equal to Samuel Cunningham & John M. Cunningham and Martha agree to my daughter Sarah & son. It is also my will that my daughter Martha Cunningham have the Negro girl now in my possession named Eliza. When she arrives at the age of 18 years and that she be furnished in all respects as well as my daughter Sarah now when she was married. It is also my will that when my youngest child comes at full age that the residue of the property that may belong to my estate, I will be disposed of by my Executors. I that all my dear children shall have equal shares of the Estate of my dear husband W. S. Cunningham Do. and that when the duration of my said deceased husband's will, the portions of my children should not be equal that if there be any residue of my estate that it be divided

Martha Cunningham Will

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Samuel Cunningham Executor of this my last will & Testament and that no security be required of him. I hereby revoke and disannul all former wills by me made declaring this only to be my last will & Testament. Signed, acknowledged and sealed by the Testator to be her last will and Testament in the presence of those who in her presence have subscribed their names as witnesses thereto, the date above written.

Martha Cunningham

Susan Meay

Also the above will was proven in open court by the oaths of Matthew Stephenson and Susan Meay the subscribing witnesses thereto at April Term 1824 and recorded. Samuel Cunningham qualified as Executor to the said.

Martha Cunningham

Nathan Nelson's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Nathan Nelson of Washington State of Texas you being

Very sick & weak in body but of a perfect mind & memory & thereby be to God for the same calling into mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die, I do hereby declare this my last will & Testament that is to say, I give & bequeath of all I give & bequeath my body into the hands of Almighty God that give it, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give & dispose of in the following manner and from first where I begin. I do hereby give & bequeath to my son Isaac Nelson one hundred dollars and my wife is that he receive the same until the rest of the heirs receive their part as well as hereafter mentioned in the residue of my last will & Testament and further my son Isaac Nelson is to have three hundred dollars and to have the will until he youngest heir comes of age by giving one fourth of the income of the same for the support of the younger children and to keep the will in good repair and also he is to have that part of the money that pays over the branch that the will and also four acres of ground adjoining the will, which property he is to hold until the youngest heir comes of age and no longer also my daughter Rachel Deakers wife of Charles Deakers she has received eighty one dollars there is another dollar is yet coming to her to be paid out of the estate and further she is to have an equal share with the rest of the heirs as well as her other mentioned and further my wife is that my daughter Sarah shall have one hundred dollars at that amount in good trust as she and the executor can agree and then to have no more until the rest of my female heirs come of age and made equal to one hundred dollars each and then if a balance shall remain provision will hereafter be made & further Nathan Nelson son of Isaac Nelson & Isaac Nelson my sons that in my will are to be

Nathan Nelson's Will

With my daughter each of these five last named children is to receive the sum of one hundred dollars as they come of age but notwithstanding to an equal divide of the balance of the estate that may remain and then at the passing of time my wife is that my heirs both male & female shall have an equal share of the balance of the estate that remain & further my wife is that all my movable property be sold agreeable to law except the beds & furniture which I bequeath to my daughters Mary Hannah Phoebe and Ruth and the money arise my from the sale of the above for party is to be put to interest until they are of age and the rest of the same be put to the best advantage for the benefit of the heirs until they may all come of age and then my wife is that the plantation be sold to the best advantage and then all the money due to the estate shall be equally divided amongst the heirs both male & female and as a further confirmation of my last will & Testament I do declare and appoint as my executor James Deakers John Nelson and Isaac Nelson my sons with this further my further request that the care of my children which are minors yet incapable of taking care of themselves. In writing when I have been sick & my hand and signed my last will this twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four

Nathan Nelson

John William Smith the foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of James Deakers, John Nelson & Isaac Nelson & the affirmations of William Smith the executor & Taylor & Deakers witnesses thereto at July Term 1824 & recorded

James Deakers John Nelson & Isaac Nelson qualified as executors of the foregoing will.

Rebecca Charleston Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Rebecca Charleston of the County of Washington & State of Texas you being of sound mind & memory knowing that death is the lot of all the human race & knowing that my time on earth will shortly end I do hereby declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following to wit: it is my will that at my decease my body be buried in a decent Christian manner and that all my last debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my estate before there is any division of the same. It is also my will that my two negro slaves Mary & David be sold at the discretion of my executor and that the money arising from their sale be divided in equal portions among my three daughters Rebecca Charleston John Charleston & Thomas Charleston I also will & bequeath to my son Thomas Charleston the first and second volume of my large Bible with illustrations. It is also my will that all the Bibles that may belong to my estate at my decease be sold at the discretion of my executor and the money arising from the sale go to the use & benefit of my daughter Margaret Mathis in the manner herein after directed. I also give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Sniff the third volume of my large Bible with illustrations. I also will & bequeath to my two dear daughters Margaret Mathis & Mary Sniff all my wearing apparel all my household & kitchen furniture of every description with all the money that may belong to my estate on that in any way be due to the same at my decease or that may be made from the sale of any of the personal property belonging to my estate which is set by this will bequeathed which shall remain