

Elizabeth Cottons will.

and desire that he shall serve my sd grand daughter for the term of four years after my death.

It is my will and desire that my sd negro slaves, Elia and Bell, after having performed the terms of service aforesaid, shall thereafter have their freedom without expatriation, if the laws of the State when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service aforesaid, shall permit their emancipation, or if they cannot be emancipated in accordance with the laws of the State, when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service, it is my will and desire that they be permitted to emigrate, either to a free State or to Liberia, as they, or either of them, may elect. But if they or either of them shall decline to accept of their freedom on the terms aforesaid, it is my will and desire that they, or either of them, so declining, be and remain slaves for life generally as aforesaid to the sd Elizabeth B. Shackett or Sarah C. Sumner their heirs and assigns. The increase of Elia, if any, shall be free with her, or remain in servitude as the case may be, provided that she the sd Elia shall pay by her additional services to the sd Elizabeth B. Shackett for any trouble and expense she may occasion in the rearing of any children she may have during or prior to her said four years term of service - said additional services to be regulated according as shall be considered fit and reasonable by my Executor hereinafter named, who is hereby requested to see that the sd negroes Elia and Bell generally have the education herein before mentioned, and upon their declining to accept their freedom on the terms proposed to my said Executor, shall upon their delivery to my said grand daughters, or their husbands, heirs or agents or assigns, be discharged from all further responsibility respecting them.

I do further will and bequeath to my beloved sister Margaret Seadwick my Cherry Burrow with all its contents at the time of my death, and also my large sitting glass.

I do further will and bequeath to my grand daughter Adelaide C. Sumner my bed and bed clothes.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my nephew John H. Seadwick the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of June in the year 1848.

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Witnessed -

John H. Seadwick,

Adelaide C. Seadwick

The foregoing will was only proven in open court February Term 1848, by the oath of John H. Seadwick, one of the subscribing witnesses, and a decree to be recorded.

Wm Sevier's will.

Memorandum. I do now my property disposed of after my death. November 18th 1843 (to wit) I bequeath my son to have my clock. Elbridge to have desk and large glass. Elizabeth Sevier to have the large drawn. Minerva to have the two set tables. Mary to have the little folding leaf table and the two half rounds and the dining table if she will have them. Louisa to have the soap lade her mother gave her. Mary E. Jones to have the set of tea spoons. Rowena Sevier to have one set of tea spoons, the large spoons to be equal between Elvira Louisa and Mary two each. John C. Sevier to have a bedstead, bed and furniture. Elvira Stuart the bed and furniture. Catharine Ann Sevier a bedstead bed and furniture. Sarah Lewis Sevier bed and furniture. Ann Stuart to have the Burrow her grand mother gave to her. The little bed with some furniture (if any) give to Sarah M. for her children. Sarah Hale to have the bed curtains. There is nothing in the house to be sold - it must be parcelled out by Elbert and Mr. H. Jones and given to the girls. My house, cows, pigs and sheep and all my crop that may be on hand, and all my farming utensils of every kind, with all my Riteh in position to be sold and the money divided equally among all my children. Elbert and Catharine H. Jones will attend the selling of the property. I have few or no debts to settle. I revoke the clause for the division of the money until three hundred dollars are paid Alexander M. Nelson which is all I intend him to receive. The balance of Mr. C. H. Jones note if any at my death, he must pay it over to all my daughters in equal sums to be paid in merchandise at the time a fifteen months credit. This instrument can be proven by some person acquainted with my handwriting if necessary as the whole is written by myself. September 17th, 1844.

Wm Sevier.

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of C. Sevier, Esq. and proved to the satisfaction of the court that the signature and handwriting was Wm. Sevier the Testator, at February term, 1847, and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Edwards will.

I Thomas Edwards of the County of Washington and State of Virginia Planter do make and publish this my last will and testament in lawfully choosing and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that any body be account to in the County aforesaid in a manner equitable to my condition in life, but as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to interest me with, I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as is possible, and if my executors that it may be paid.

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first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal. - Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Edwards, my household and kitchen furniture, and farming utensils, also my gray mare, and one cow, and also it is my will and desire that she remain in possession, and have the benefits of such portion of lands as shall remain after paying all my debts during ^{her} widowhood - or natural life. - Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my two daughters, Mary and Matilda Edwards, one horse, saddle and bridle, and one cow each to be equal in value with the rest of the property I have give to my heirs. - Fourthly, after the widowhood or death of my aforesaid wife, it is my will and desire that all my lands or property that shall remain to be equally divided among my heirs. I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed son in law M. J. Erwin Esq, and my beloved son John Edwards, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I, Thomas Edwards, the said Testator, have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 31st day of March 1844. Signed Sealed

and published in presence of us

George Tilton,

Samuel H. Bogart

Thomas Edwards (seal)
witness

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, July Term 1849, by the oaths of George Tilton and Samuel H. Bogart, and ordered to be recorded.

Jonathan Barcroft's Will.

I Jonathan Barcroft, of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament: Believing it a duty to dispose of my property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in the following manner: First, to my beloved wife Jane Barcroft, and my beloved children, Thane Barcroft, Ambrose Barcroft, Elizabeth Barcroft, and Martha Barcroft, I give and bequeath all my property, both real and personal, after paying the herein after mentioned legacies, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, or if my beloved wife should make choice, it is my desire and will that she have such portion thereof as is by the laws of this State left to the widows of intestates. Second, To my grandson, Ambrose Bell, son of John and Emily Bell I leave and bequeath the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, or is soon thereafter as

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time, or before he apply for it then and in that event, it is to revert to my estate, and be equally divided between my before named children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. Third, I leave and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cowan, the one half of the plantation I own in Greene County, including the end on which she lives, during her natural life time, which land at the death of my beloved daughter Mary, is to be equally divided between my before mentioned children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Cowan, fifteen dollars annually during her natural life, which my Executors are to pay to her yearly, during her natural lifetime. Lastly, I hereby name and appoint my daughters Jane and Martha Barcroft my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. And my desire is that they be exempted from giving security for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of July 1844.

Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned, who witnessed the same at the request of the Testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other as his last will and testament.

Jonathan Barcroft (seal)

James M. Pherson

James M. Duncan

Samuel J. Powell

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, by the oaths of Isaac McPherson and Samuel J. Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, August Term, 1849, and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas R. Kennedy's Will.

I Thomas R. Kennedy, of the County and State of Tennessee, being afflicted in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament. - It is my desire that my funeral expenses with all my just debts be paid out of my estate, and in order to enable my Executors to do the same, it is my desire that all the surplus property belonging to my estate be sold at public sale, giving a reasonable credit to the purchaser, and that my wife be consulted by my Executors as to what property can be best spared so as not to interfere with the comfort or convenience of my family; and also, that my boy Dick, a slave for life, be sold, either at public sale or private sale, as my Executors may think best for the interest of my estate; and after the payment of all my just debts by my Executors, should there be any money left in the hands of my Executors, it is my desire that it be paid to my wife, or to my children, or to my