

David Deadrick's Will

Children I wish to be buried among them in such a manner as would seem to each their equal portion without making due of any of them. My executors should secure 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 authorized to execute and the process of the Minor Legates to be put out on interest with a specific 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 (Seal)

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 papers of the Clerk of the Court presented 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 the following to wit: State of Tennessee Williamson County, County, Do it is remembered that on the fifth 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 of Almighty God 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 and 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. Do says he never thought 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 & seal 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 Martins 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 Samue 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 boys four man with all my farming utensils are Wagon together with all the tools which I have given except 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 Mahue & Martin my right to the land known by the Maple Shoe lands and should it be got or any thing for it be taken the largest part. And lastly I do nominate my son Samue 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 Martins (Seal)
Mark

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

Martha Cunningham 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. 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 support of educating & supporting my three youngest children, Emily, Alexander & Maria Cunningham. William Madison Cunningham and Martha Cunningham until they shall be as now taught and educated as their older Brothers William, Elizabeth, 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 Major and 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 shall 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