

## Joseph Crouch Will

12th My wife and desire is that my son George Crouch be my executor of this my last will and testament Given under my hand and seal This 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1830

done in the presence of us

Joseph Crouch (Seal)

George Crouch

Leah Douglass

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of Joseph Crouch & Leah Douglass & Joseph Crouch two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & Quoror. George Crouch the executor in said will gave bond and security and qualified as the law directs

## Margaret McAdams Will.

I Margaret McAdams of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: In the first place, I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas McAdams, all my claim and interest in the real estate of my Father, Hugh McAdams (De'd) And whereas when ~~Thomas McAdams~~ and myself started to the Sequatchie Valley last Fall I put Forty Dollars into his hands for expenses & no settlement made since about it my will is, should there be any balance of it in his hands that he have the benefit of it, and that at some time when it may suit his convenience he make two good Banners and give one to Cynthia and one to Mary Stephenson, and further it is my will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of a note of Forty Dollars which I hold on Joseph Noble, and the balance to be equally divided between my two brothers Thomas and Samuel McAdams. I also give and bequeath unto my sister Jane Ellis my bed and bedding all the bed clothing, that is now at her house together with my spinning wheel. It is further my wish that the balance of bed clothes and other property except so much of it as I have directed my mother Isabella Noble to dispose of in a given way to be equally divided between my two sisters Polly Ellis and Jane Ellis. And lastly, I do constitute and appoint my brother Thomas McAdams, the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me. It is my will that my executor be not called upon for any security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

Margaret McAdams (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of the said Margaret McAdams in presence of us who have put our hands to the same.

John Stephenson (Margaret McAdams Will).

William B. Strain } The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of  
William Hooper } John Stephenson and William B. Strain two of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded.

## Francis Register's Will.

I Francis Register of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former will and Testament by me at any time heretofore made First I will and bequeath to my beloved son Gregory, the tract or parcel of Land on which I now live (when he shall become twenty-one years of age) containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, joining the lands of William Graddeke, Isaac Houston, John Tadlock, Carter Tadlock and Jasper Mullins, with all and singular, to him and his heirs forever Also one other tract which I purchased from Carter Tadlock in the year of 1839, containing fifteen acres which is attached to the above mentioned tract all in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee to him and his heirs forever. Secondly I will and direct that my beloved wife Janina shall have a good and decent support and maintenance off of the above mentioned lands and premises during her life or widowhood and that my children (viz) James, Archibald, Gregory Lucinda, Sarah and Hannah Eliza shall have each a support or maintenance off of said lands and premises until he or she shall become of age or marry. Thirdly, I will and direct that my two sons James and Archibald (when they become of age) shall have a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, the lands that I bought from Alexander English on the waters of Limestone, containing Two Hundred and fifty acres, more or less, joining the lands of John Tadlock, Joseph Shields and others, to have and to hold with all and singular to them and their heirs forever, to be equally divided between them. Fourthly, I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease, as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my executor or executors, arising from the several cash notes that I hold on, my several debtors, and that balance of the money arising from notes & debts due me or coming to me in any way, shall be paid out to some person or persons who will give good and approved security for the payment of the same, which money, together with the interest of the same shall be applied to the use of my family as they shall direct.

from time to time. Fifthly I will and direct that my daughters shall each have a side saddle worth twenty dollars in good trade cash, Lucinda and Deborah Martin to have theirs against Christmas next or as soon after as possible, and Sarah and Hannah Eliza to have theirs when they shall become of age or marry, and that my daughters Lucinda, Sarah and Hannah Eliza, shall each have one good cow and good bed and bed furniture when they shall become of age or marry, and that my daughters shall each have two sheep when they shall marry or become of age, Deborah Martin to have her ~~two~~ now or as soon as she please. Sixthly, I will & direct that all my property not specified in this will, such as grain, hogs, hogs, sheep, cattle, farming utensils, together with all my property not otherwise specified, shall, and the same shall remain for the support and benefit of my family now in the plantation. Seventhly I will and direct that each of my daughters shall have one horse or mare worth forty dollars in good trade as they shall become of age or marry. Deborah Martin to have hers as soon after my death as convenient. Eighthly I will and direct that each of my sons, (viz) James, Archibald and Gregory, shall each have one horse saddle and bridle, worth sixty dollars in good trade, when they or each of them shall marry or become of age. Ninthly I will and direct, that at the death of my wife, that the remains of property on or the premises or belonging to the same shall be equally divided between all my sons and daughters. Tenthly, and lastly I will and direct that my worthy friend & brother-in-law, John Robertson shall execute this my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and ~~thirty~~ <sup>four</sup>.

Francis Register Seal

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us witnesses

Isaac Horton } The foregoing will was proven in open court  
Jacob Hacker } by the oaths of Isaac Horton and Joseph Horton  
Joseph Horton } the two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and  
Recorded

Jesse Paymes Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Jesse Paymes Sr. of the County

of Washington and State of Tennessee being of advanced age and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, for which I thank God, and being desirous of disposing my worldly property that it has pleased God to bless me with in manner following, (viz) After depriving ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> expense of a decent and christian funeral of my body and payment of all my just debts.

1<sup>st</sup> Item I bequeath to my son Jesse Payne One Dollar to be paid one year after my decease as I have give him a Tract of Land containing One hundred and Thirty Acres, be the same more or less, the tract of land that he sold to Richard Gray, besides other property he got of me. 2<sup>nd</sup> Item. I bequeath to my daughter Hannah Earnest One Dollar to be paid one year after my decease, as I give her three Negroes, besides other property that she got of me. 3<sup>rd</sup> Item. I bequeath to my son Robert Payne One Dollar to be paid to him one year after my decease, as he got the Plantation of me he sold to John Cowan, containing One Hundred and Twenty Acres, be the same more or less, besides other property that he got of me. 4<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath to my son Henry Payne One Dollar to be paid one year after my decease, as he got the Plantation of me in Greene County, whereon he now lives, containing Three Hundred and Sixty Five Acres, be the same more or less, besides other property that he got of me. 5<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath my son William Payne One Dollar to be paid one year after my decease as he got the Plantation of me whereon he now lives, containing One Hundred and One Acre, be the same more or less, besides other property he got of me. 6<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Washforth One Dollar to be paid one year after my decease, as she got of me one Negro man, besides other property she got of me. 7<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath my daughter Eliza Barnes One Dollar, to be paid one year after my decease, as I give her some land, the quantity not recollected thereon the same. Nathan Barnes now lives, besides other property she got of me. 8<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath to my daughter Patsy Payne the Land <sup>that</sup> she now lives on in Greene County, containing Twenty-Two Acres, be the same more or less, besides other property that she got of me here tofore. 9<sup>th</sup> Item. I bequeath to my Grand Daughter, Polly Earnest, daughter of Wesley Earnest who married my daughter Polly and she departed this life, and after her decease the said Wesley Earnest wanted me to take back a Negro boy named Jacob and a gray mare which I did with the intention and agreement to give said daughter Polly Earnest, daughter of Wesley Earnest.