

James Ballinger's Will

of my family to be sold by my executors and as fast as anything can be spared from the family to be sold by my executors and the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts. And when my youngest child comes of age and my debts all paid then all my estate both real and personal to be divided amongst my wife and children equally.

And lastly - I do appoint and ordain my wife Polly executrix and my son Bluford Ballinger executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

James Ballinger Test

My new seal and declared to be the last will and testament of James Ballinger this 25th day of March 1837 and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

John Blair
Mark L. Fieles
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of John Blair & Mark L. Fieles the subscribing witnesses thereto at
Term 18 and records

John Lowans Will.

I John Lowans of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed to all men once to die, do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: first all I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, and that all my just and personal expenses be paid out of my estate before there is any division of the same. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Lowans one third part of my personal estate to be for her use and at her disposal & the whole of my lands to be used for the common benefit of my wife and for the maintenance of my and education of my children during the lifetime of my wife and at her decease it is my will that all the property both real and personal that may belong to my estate be equally divided amongst my dear children, namely my daughter Sarah P. Lowans and my sons John F. Lowans, James M. Lowans, William Lowans and Joseph Lowans, to each of them share and share alike, but should any of my children have received any part of my estate before the death of their mother it is to be charged to them in their settling their portion of the estate. It is my will that should my next of kin come as heirs to my estate and should any of them be of good and honest character until the

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commencement of the year 1840, then and in that event he is to be paid. It is my desire that the society having in view the spread of the Gospel and ameliorating the condition of the human family, should prosper and flourish. I therefore recommend to my family to contribute some part of my estate to these objects especially to the Bible Society. It is my will that my executors be at liberty to sell any part of my personal estate at any time and in any manner they may judge for the interest and benefit of my estate. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Lowans executrix and Matthew Stephenson executor of this my last will and testament without requiring any security of them.

John Lowans Test

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this twenty fifth of March eighteen hundred and thirty five
Paul B. Cunningham
Mary A. Stephenson

Saturday Morning Oct. 19. 1839

On Monday last John Lowans told me that I wrote him a Will made by him amongst the papers of my father, and that it might just remain until it was needed, and as the executor named in the Will was dead, he wished Ebenezer L. Mothes to supply his place.

John Stephenson

Proven by John Stephenson and James Lowans Nov. Term 1839.

The foregoing Will was proven in open court by the oaths of Paul B. Cunningham and Mary A. Stephenson the subscribing witnesses thereto at Nov. Term 1839 and records.

William Thacker's Will.

State of Tennessee
Washington County
On the name of God, Amen

I William Thacker of the County and State

of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory disposing myself do make this my last will and testament.

First. It is my will, and desire that all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses be settled out of my estate.

Secondly - It is my will, and desire that my beloved wife Mary have all my property, both personal and real after my decease, which is as follows to wit: forty acres of Land, be the same more or less, it being the same whereon I now live and also being a personal

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of every kind, stock, household and kitchen furniture, and it is my will and desire that my children by my first wife get no part of my estate at my decease inasmuch as they have entirely supported and contributed to my comfort and relief in the latter part of my life and in as much as my estate is entirely unencumbered, it is my will and desire that my wife be exempt from the expense and trouble of any more than proving the will, without giving any security whatever for her faithful performance. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written

William Thacker Seal

William H. Blair

& Notary

William Thacker acknowledged in my presence the above to be his last and last this 19th January 1835

J. Howard

Wm H. Blair

William Thacker acknowledged this to be his last will and Testament in our presence this 25th December 1835

Henry Taylor

Livermore Boyd

State of New Jersey. The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of Washington County two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at Term 18 and remains

James Broyles, Senr. Will.

In the name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Ghost, Amen.

Know all men by

these presents that I James Broyles of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being full in health but of sound and perfect mind do hereby declare this to be my last will and Testament, and do sincerely wish and desire that my heirs and mine may in peace and unity enjoy it as such, being the only testimony to the world I require of them of this regard to a deceased parent.

1st To be the donor, the giver of every good and perfect gift, I humbly dedicate my spirit, who gave it, and who will at the last day raise my body from the dead.

2nd To my beloved wife Ellender I do assign and give the possession and management of the farm, wherein I now live, during her natural life and widowhood and after her decease to my son Simon as already otherwise directed.

3rd I also give and bequeath to my wife Ellender all my personal estate, stock and farming utensils as now or hereafter found on the farm, during her natural life. Should however my son Simon arrive at age before the decease of my wife then such utensils to be considered as his personal property inasmuch as he is to be the place and provide for his mother.

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1st I further direct and desire that the increase of such stock as may remain on the farm not otherwise disposed of, shall be at the disposal of my wife Ellender during the time of her life, and however as to be understood as to prevent my son Simon from raising stock for his personal use and benefit during said time he is of age.

5th Furthermore I direct that all notes of hand, book accounts or claims either now or hereafter may become due to me, shall be under the control and for the benefit of my wife Ellender, as if legally due to her, except as hereafter directed.

In consequence of the foregoing bequests made to my wife Ellender I direct and require her, that after having reserved to herself a comfortable support from the proceeds of the farm, and the increase of stock as already mentioned, she shall make my two youngest daughters Melinda and Ellender equal to the outfit my other daughters receive either at their time of marrying or subsequent to it such as a house, land, saddle and bridle, horse hold furniture &c. either in money or property or a share of both as may best suit her convenience, so as to raise them to an equality with Pilly Hank and their other married sisters, except such as already received.

If after such an equal division of property among my daughters and after the sale of 69 acres of land more or less comprising the lands of Isaac Painter and Subers Broyles and others granted to me by the State of Tennessee by Patent bearing date 20th September 1835, any property and property should remain above what my wife may deem necessary for her comfort and support an equal division shall again be made among all my daughters or their heirs provided however that this division shall not deprive my wife of any support she may choose to retain, but all to be done according to own pleasure and direction.

In order to file my intention and the amount specified in the schedule against Pilly Hank I desire my executors or administrators to execute to her and her heirs a legal and valid deed in fee simple for eighteen acres of land lying at the head of Apple Swamp on the South side of Liberty River.

My sons Chin and Matheus I enjoin to have already received their full share of my estate to the amount of fifteen hundred and fifty dollars and to my son Lewis who has already received eight hundred and fifty dollars, I design to give him and his more provide the debt on James Allen's note can be received, and to my son James who already has received the sum of one thousand dollars, I also design to give one hundred dollars more provided the foregoing claims on James Allen can be received, otherwise they are to be considered as having received their proportion of the same.

To my sons Jacob and Ephraim I design to give