

the above described lands to be divided equally between the Children (legal heirs) of the said John S. Brown, the said land is also intended for the use of the said John S. Brown, his said wife during their natural lives.

2nd It is further my will that my executors at my deceased will at public vendue to the highest bidder all my personal and real estate except such as is otherwise disposed of in the will and the proceeds of the sale to be divided between my heirs as follows to my daughter Sarah Walker (wife of Andrew Walker) I will and bequeath Fifteen Dollars (current money) 5th to my daughter Mary Walker (wife of Wm Walker) I will and bequeath Fifteen Dollars (current money) 4th I will and bequeath to my son Zachariah Brown One hundred Dollars (current money) as an addition to what he has heretofore received 5th to my daughter Abigail Ferguson (wife of George W. Ferguson) I will and bequeath my Enghorned Clock, Bureau Two small spinning wheels & loom. The residue of the proceeds of the sale of my personal & real estate also all moneys, notes and accounts which may be on hand at the time of my ^{decease} to be divided equally between five of my daughters as follows. - Abigail (wife of George W. Ferguson) - Adeline (wife of Henry H. Ferguson) - Margaret (wife of Hadrick Chase) Matilda (wife of Henry Martin) Rachel (wife of Isaac Garber) Martha Ann (wife of James M. Blincoe)

Like wise I make Constatute and appoint J. W. Ferguson & Joseph Conley to be executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by and made. In witness where of I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 20 day January in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and sixty four.

^{John S. Brown} ^{Real}
The above written in Statment was subscribed by the said John Brown in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will & testament and he at the testator's request & in his presence of have signed our names as witnesses here to
Joseph Conley
W. A. Conley

The last will and testament of John Brown deceased presented in Open Court at the January Term 1865 of 2nd day of January by the said Joseph Conley and W. A. Conley the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and J. W. Ferguson Joseph Conley the Executors named in said will appeared in Open Court (some bond and security & qualified as the law directs.

John E. Cossen

In the name of God Amen.

I John E. Cossen of the State of Tennessee and County of Washington being of sound mind but weak of body and labors to mind my Morality and in contemplation of that event do ordain and establish this my last will and Testament in the manner following as to the disposition of such worldly goods as it pleased God who gave it my mortal spirit trusting that through the all sufficient merits of the ever blessed Saviour by whose constant meditation and intercession and through an unfeigned faith therein I have assurance of acceptance and ^{after} committing my body to the Earth its natural Element until the Morning of Resurrection when I trust it shall be received according to the likeness of him who is the Resurrection and the life.

The expenses of which Interment I direct in the first place to be paid by Executors hereinafter named out of my Estate - then for the support of my wife Mary E. Cossen and Children I bequeath to her the said Mary E. Cossen and for life the house and improvements to gether with the improved quarter of the house lot where I now live and also one quarter of an acre off of the farm of E. C. Coston lot next to it to be added to it to gether with the Rents and profits arising from them and so much of the proceeds of my Little Stone farm now deeded to my son Orville E. Cossen and so much of the proceeds of my Panther Hill farm as will give her the said Mary E. Cossen a comfortable support as long as she lives and for the support of my minor Children and while specific bequeath of the said house and lot at the death of my wife Mary E. Cossen to go to the ^{son} and benefit of my daughter Abigail E. Cossen during her natural life and her heirs after her provided she should have any if not shall be equally divided among the other Children Mary E. Cossen Orville E. Cossen Mary B. Cossen John S. Cossen and Selma H. Cossen for their uses and benefit. In addition to the interest above bequeathed

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daughter Angelina E. Mason I give the use and profits of one half acre of the Samuel E. Chute lot next to Dr. Edward Armstrong's house and lot during her natural life. it is then to go to her Son J. M. E. Ryland. if the said married J. M. E. Ryland should die with out issue, then the lot may be equally divided amongst Angelina E. Mason's other children having already given to the said Angelina E. Mason one Cow bed and bedstead with bedding, Caphoard furniture one set of Windsor Chairs, side table and Bureau.

I also bequeath to the said Abigail D. Casson the Bureau, Bedstead, Bedding and furniture and Caphoard furniture. I also make her equal with Angelina E. Mason if it can be made out of what I have behind both in testacy and if any one of the family I bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Casson for her support the other undivided half and lot next to Sally Helms lot. it being part of the lot in which I now live and which she receives the use and profits during her natural life and then to her children if she should have any. if not then it shall be divided as above specified and also the J. Mary E. Casson is to have the ship and sword of Casson's Indian and set of Windsor Chairs Bed Bedstead and furniture and ship furniture. all to be equal to my other Daughters.

in as much as I have given to my son Cepha E. Casson a deed in fee simple to him some farmland on which my father lived for his support and on the top it ~~is~~ ^{was} to interfere with the provisions in this will for the support and maintenance of my wife M. E. Casson, his Mother I also give him my Hairy Box and apparatus his Brother Edwin M. Casson's Saddle and an equal portion of my Shop tools such as saws planes, Augers Chisels and all other tools with my son John E. Casson and Sidney H. Casson.

I do write and bequeath to my two sons John E. Casson and Sidney H. Casson for their joint and support after my decease the use of my wife M. E. Casson all my Panther Spring lands in Jefferson County in the State of Tennessee to have and to hold and the proceeds of the same their natural lives and in the event that they should neither have any heirs it shall go to their Brothers or sisters that may survive them or to the children of their Brothers and Sisters. the land is to be divided as equal as it can be for quantity quality timber and convenience

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of matter but if either should die while a minor in age then the Surviving Brother shall inherit the whole of said land and in addition to the above John E. Casson is to give my ~~only~~ and Rifle gun his Black Saddle and Saddlebag H. Casson is to have the gun given to him by his Brother Edwin H. Casson deceased and the long Coated brass clock and a good Saddle, but in the event that either should Read Medicine of the three sons named above for the purpose of practicing medicine for a livelihood then in that case he is to have my medical shop and all the books and furniture and all that belongs to that department. including instruments and all other things, but should neither incline to the profession then they shall be sold by my executors at the highest bid and the proceeds given to my wife for her and each child as may be single to live upon. all my debts that can be collected is to be paid over into the hands of my wife for her and the children, support each executor to be paid as the law directs.

as the laws of this State now prohibit the liberation of slaves it is my wish that my negro Ben be set free out as long as he is able to do work and receive full wages and to hand out of his wages yearly as he earns it twenty five dollars for him self for to clothe him self instead of his mistress Mary E. Casson finding him and the remainder is to be paid over into the hands of my wife M. E. Casson for her support and my children that may be single but if Ben should become unable to do a man's daily work so as to receive full wages then his pay must be in proportion to what it was when he was able Ben is to live with my wife and do at her controls but not to be sold out of the family unless he desires then and in that case the proceeds of this sale is to be divided between my wife and single children. the proceeds of my rail road stock which is two hundred dollars if any should be got shall be equally divided between my wife and children yearly.

I do hereby lastly constitute and appoint my trusty friends Alexander H. Hayes and John A. Mills Executors of this my last will having this day revised and made appropriate a former will drawn up in my own hand writing on the first day of April 1854 and I hereby revoke every former will and establish this as my last will and testament in last my whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18 day of August 1855 signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of A. B. Mason

John E. Casson
William M. Fleming

John E. Crosson Will

State of Tennessee County Court January Term 1865
Washington County This foregoing Will was presented in Open Court and proven by the Oaths of A. H. Mathis and William M. Humming the subscribing witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded and Alexander H. Davis one of the Executors mentioned in said Will appeared in Open Court gave bond & qualified as the law directed, this 20th day 1865
J. P. Houbly Clerk

Alexander Mathis Will

I Alexander Mathis of Washington County Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing judgment do hereby make and constitute this as my last will and testament herein reciting all other former wills by me made void as there was an article of agreement between my self and my latter wife, Rebecca stating that she was to have at my death one thousand dollars in money to dispose of as she pleased which amount she has willed to Washington College & other Institutions which will I hereby agreed to and confirm the part of said thousand dollars which she willed to Washington College, namely three hundred and thirty three dollars & thirty three cents and one that Cent. I have already paid to the Secretary of said College. The remainder of said thousand dollars, namely six hundred and sixty six dollars & sixty six and two third Cents I will that my Executors pay to the Executors of her will in good Current bank notes to be disposed of by him as directed in her Will. It is my Will that the heirs of Thomas Riddle former lay of this County have two hundred dollars in good Current bank notes out of my estate it being for land sold by me for said Riddle.

I give & bequest to my beloved wife Polly sixty dollars per annum to be paid to her semiannually by my Executors in good Current bank notes during her natural life plus all my house hold & kitchen furniture also a milk Cow during her natural life, and at her death all of said furniture was to be sold & the proceeds & what ever of my estate may remain to be equally divided among my sons Alexander Mathis & Smith Mathis & my daughter Lucinda I will that Jane Barnett J. D. Barnette etc to be taken out of said part.

Finally I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Alex Mathis

& E. Smith Mathis Executors of this my last will & testament with out requiring them to give bond & hereby this 7th day of December 1863.
Witness
A. H. Mathis
Lydia E. Mathis
Nancy Adams

State of Tennessee The foregoing Will was presented in Open Court and proven by the Oaths of A. H. Mathis & Nancy Adams two of the subscribing witnesses to said will and ordered to be recorded and the Executors mentioned in said will appeared in Open Court & qualified on the 11th March Term 1865
J. P. Houbly Clerk

Isabella Mathis Will

I Isabella Mathis wife of Alexander Mathis a resident of Washington County State of Tennessee being in good health and of sound mind & memory & knowing the contents & value and the extent of the estate do in this my last will and testament give devise bequeath and dispose of one thousand dollars due and from my husband Alexander Mathis & at his death in writing & in testament & writing signed by him March the 9th 1857. The same three hundred dollars is also bequeathed to me if living or to my executor if dead by the said Alexander Mathis & my husband in his last Will & Testament & do hereby give devise bequeath & dispose of the said one thousand dollars as follows I will that it be divided into three equal parts and one part thereof give devise & bequeath to the Trustees of Washington College (Tennessee) to be used by them for the common purposes of said College. This bequest is made fully in Condition that said College be & is made the Controller of said School Washingtonian Church on the said School presbyterian and not otherwise. This was or as it now is at the time of my death but should said College pass out of the hands upon which the Control of the said School presbyterian or come in to the hands or under the Control of any other Church or denomination I hereby devise bequeath the said third part of the one thousand dollars not to said but I hereby give devise & bequeath one half of said third part of the one thousand dollars to the Trustees of the Board of ~~Presbyterian~~ Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to be used by them for the common uses & purposes of said Board & the remaining half of said third part of the one thousand dollars provided the Condition is not