

without & jointly unless they jointly or separately act as the
trustees of their estates and mine and then within that case
they or any person should be required to give the security
required by Law. In testimony of which I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal at this fifth day of
February 1847

attest
A. S. & Thomas
Richmond T. B. & Co
John Fitzpatrick

John P. Kennedy Sen Seal

A State of Tennessee 3 County Court April Term 1847
Franklin County } then the last will and Testament of John
P. Kennedy Sen be it as provided in
open Court for probate. Whereupon came John Fitzpatrick
& Richmond T. B. & Co two of the Justices of the Peace
there to who being first duly sworn did each and every say that
they were acquainted with John P. Kennedy Sen ~~deceased~~
that at the time of making said will and Testament he was of sound & disposing mind at
the time of making said will and Testament and that he executed the same
in their presence and acknowledged the same to be his
last will and Testament and that they Justices entered their
names as witnesses there to at his request and in his
presence whereupon it was ordered by the Court that
said last will and Testament be recorded in the law office
of the Clerk of the County of Franklin County at
office April 5th 1847

Sherrad Williams Clk
By John Frazee D.C.

James
Martin
will

I James Martin being of sound and perfect mind and
memory do hereby make and publish this my last will
and Testament in manner and form following to wit I
do it that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any money's I may be possessed
of or may first come into the hands of my Executor
Secondly I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel M.
all that which he has and possesses all that my messuage or
Tenement of land with the appurtenances thereto all my
estimated lying & being in the County of Franklin State of
Tennessee on the waters of Big Rock being the same
tract of land on which I now live and which I purchased
of Lurall Gray containing two hundred acres more or less
provided nevertheless that my beloved wife Mary have the
control of one half of the above described tract of land
with all necessary house room for her support and comfort
during her natural life and my will is that
all my property be kept together until the present year

crop he gathered and that my portion of the present
 years crop be for the use of my wife and at her disposal
 as she may think proper And I do also give and bequeath
 to my beloved wife Mary all the money that I may die
 possessed of after paying my funeral Expenses I also give
 to my wife Mary all my household & kitchen furniture
 also one or two horses two choice cows and goats (the
 choice), four heads of sheep & one head of best hogs
 And I do also give and they reach to my son James Campbell
 a negro boy by the name of Dick (14 years
 old) also I give to my said son James a young horse
 known as the Arable Colt And I do also give and they reach
 to my son William P. Mott a negro boy by the name
 of Luber 16 years old And I do also give and they reach to
 my daughter Sally Mott wife of W. D. Mott her and
 the offspring heirs of her body a negro woman by the
 name of Juliet about 35 years old And I do also give
 and they reach to my daughter Mary Posten wife of Sanford
 Poston her and the offspring heirs of her body a negro
 girl by the name of Charles 8 years old also a horse
 & cock known as the Hotcher Cock And I do further give
 and bequeath to my said son Samuel M. a negro boy
 by the name of Charles about 2 years old And also all
 my stock of horses cattle hogs and sheep not otherwise
 given also my wagon & some with all plantation
 farming tools And I do also give and they reach to my
 daughter Elateda Donaldson wife of John Donaldson her
 and the offspring heirs of her body a negro woman
 by the name of Mary 20 years old provided that
 she has that my beloved wife Mary have one half of
 the labor & services of her the said Mary during the
 lifetime of her my wife and further say this is that
 the Expense of Executing this my last will be paid out
 of any money that I may die possessed of or may
 hereafter come to the hands of my Executors and he they
 I do hereby nominate and appoint W. H. Landis my Executor
 to Execute this my last will and Testament In witness
 whereof I do to this my last will and Testament at my hand
 & seal this the 2^d day of March A.D. 1847 This
 signed and published in our presence James Mott (Seal)
 James P. Bowan William Lonsdale
 our names here to in the presence of & at the request of the
 Testator

State of Tennessee County Court July Term 1847
 Francis C. C. (The last will and Testament of James
 Mott was produced in open Court

for probate and thereupon came James Plowman and the Lessor
the saids including witnesses thereto who being first duly
sworn depose and say that the Testator was of sound
and disposing mind at the time of probating the same
and that they saids include their names as witnesses thereto
at his request and in his presence. Whereupon it was
ordered by the Court that the same be recorded as its
law directs. At Witness Sherrod Williams Clerk of said
said Court at office July 5th 1847

Sherrod Williams Clerk
By John Triggall D.C.

Rice Simpson
This

Know all men by these presents that I Rice Simpson of the County
of Franklin and State of Tennessee hereby make this my last will
and Testament and in view of the duty of parents to their children
and the justice of the manner of procuring I make the following dis-
positions of my property. I give all my property to my wife
Rachael (Rachael Simpson) that I may be possessed of at my death
both personal and real to remain as her property until she departs
with the exception of the land and negroes during her natural
life or widowhood for her benefit and the negroes and land are
to remain in her possession and she is to have the benefit
of the same during her natural life or widowhood.
Furthermore after the death of my wife Rachael Simpson it
is my wish and will that I Simpson my youngest son
shall have the land and premises that I am now possessed of
after paying L. Simpson and Thomas Edmiston two dollars each.
At the death of my wife Rachael Simpson it is my will that
my lawful heirs be to have an equal share of all my personal
property after having had good information from the value
said property to them that is the same property on my behalf
and the proceeds to be divided amongst said heirs I want
Polly Lasater Johnathan Lasater's wife Susan Annus Pats Annus
Pats's wife and Neoma Rogers Halton Rogers wife to have one
negro girl each to be retained to them at the day of sale or
when convenient after the death of my wife Rachael Simpson
I also want my son John Simpson to have a negro girl upon
the same conditions of my three daughters they are to have
the use of said negro girls their lifetime and then the right
thereof falls to their children and shall remain in their
possession and no person shall have power to sell said
negroes but their children after they become of age and if the
negroes my girls get are worth more than the value
I want to pay said they are to pay an amount to my sons
enough to make the shares of my sons and my son
George Dorman's wife equal and after my negroes are valued
and among my lawful heirs I want them to remain in their