

my next sealed & published in our presence
 W B Wagner James Campbell

County Court May Term 1857

Then the Last Will & Testament of the On or Decd was
 presented to Court for probate & was duly proven by the
 attests of W B Wagner and James Campbell the said probating
 witnesses thereto and ordered by said Court to be in and read
 before my hand at office this day of 1857
 W B Wagner

John Dyer's & John Dyer do make and publish this as my last
 Will & Testament hereby revoking all & making void all
 others I have by me at any time made I wish that at
 my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid
 as soon after my death as possible out of any monies
 that I may have in possession of or may come forth
 into the hands of my Executors I wish I will and
 bequeath to my son Jacob Dyer the tract of land I
 purchased from Robert W Thompson being one hundred
 acres more or less it being the same tract of land Jacob
 Dyer sold to Isaac Dyer I wish I will and bequeath to my
 son Isaac Dyer one hundred acres of land to be cut
 off my home tract beginning the above named tract of
 land purchased from the said Jacob Dyer by the
 said Isaac Dyer Fourthly I will and bequeath to my
 daughter a negro girl named Mauda a slave which is to be
 in the place of Mauda that was recorded to be the above
 named property is to have nothing to do with the distribution
 of the balance of my estate Fifthly I will and bequeath my
 wife Dorah the home plantation during her lifetime and
 widowhood and also a negro girl named Mauda a slave also an
 old negro woman named Hannah a slave which is to be
 done I have with any of my children she wishes to have
 with after the death of my wife Dorah also a negro man
 named Ben a slave also a negro boy named Sam a slave
 Sixthly I will and bequeath to my Grand son George Washington
 Dyer a negro girl named Fanny a slave and her children
 if there should be any to go into his possession at my wife
 Dorah's death and John W Dyer to act as his executor and that
 if the said George Washington should die young is to go to
 my estate provided he has no heirs Seventhly I will and
 bequeath to my Grand son John Dyer a negro boy named
 Samuel a slave to go into his possession at my death
 Eighthly I will and bequeath to my Grand son John Dyer
 son of my daughter Elizabeth Newman a boy named Randle
 a slave to go into his possession at the death of my wife

I do at the balance of my estate that I may die in possession of it
 to be valued by my Executors if they can agree on the valuation
 if they can't agree they are to sell it three disinterested men to
 choose them valued and if any lawful heir viz Jacob Siler Isaac
 Siler Elizabeth Newson and Polly Parsons this of two boys Isaac
 and Isaac Isaac to be chosen Guardians and they are to draw for
 them the negroes I have left to my wife for lifetime or widowhood
 and is to be valued and disposed of as the above negroes except
 I wish my daughter Elizabeth Newson to have freely at her own
 if she wants her after my wife's death and if she continues for her
 under the deed of gift her value must be deducted out of
 his proportion of my estate if the above named ones I have
 left my wife Dorah should die she is to have any she wants
 in their place if they will not take themselves and they for
 my Executors is to sell them if she wishes it and they others in
 their place I wish my wife Dorah to have as much of my
 stock and household furniture as she thinks proper to keep
 and the balance to be sold and remain in the hands of my
 Executors and if my wife should need any of the money from
 the sale of it to furnish her with what she may need my
 home plantation I wish it to be valued and if any of my
 lawful heirs choose to take it at the valuation it closed
 it will sell it and divide the proceeds as above directed in the
 case of the slaves except I want one to keep a cow I did give
 a square where the grass would be for a ^{small} square yard and to
 remain as the yield property of my heirs for ever also any
 lands that I may die in possession of is to be sold and
 the proceeds to be put with my other money if there be
 any and put out on interest until the death of my wife
 then divided equally between my lawful heirs viz my wife
 and hereafter to my grand son William Siler Isaac Siler
 son my Place with tools at my wife's death or sooner if
 she chooses to let him have them and they any of the house
 hold furniture that my wife Dorah wishes to dispose of
 she is to give to any of her children or grand children she
 thinks proper. Lastly I do hereby name and appoint John
 H Siler Isaac Siler Jacob Siler and Randolph C Newson
 my Executors and they are to have full power to make good and
 lawful orders to settle to any lands that I have directed to
 be sold and slaves also in testimony whereof I do to this will set
 my hand and seal in the presence of the above named witnesses
 this the 29th day of April 1857 and witnessed by my
 attest

Matthew R. Lane
 Attest

John Siler Seal

I John Siler do hereby name and appoint John H Siler
 Guardian for my wife Dorah Siler to execute and carry all matters
 contained in my last will and Testament and also to do as my Executors

of said three and Testaments Jurby the 5th 1857
 father
 John D. Siler Seal

County Court September Term 1857

That the last will and Testament of the said John D. Siler dec'd were presented to court for probate and were duly proven by the Oaths of Stephen R. Hume & A. H. Sawyer of the said County and Testaments thereunto ordered by said Court to be recorded as the law directs. Witness my hand at office this day of 1857.

A. E. Taylor. C. S.

In witness whereof I have signed this my last will and Testament in manner and form as aforesaid to wit: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my executor and I have here before secured through a trust in to my beloved daughter Mary Eliza two negroes named Susan and Anderson one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf one hundred and furniture some hogs in all worth nine hundred and seventy dollars. That being all I intended said Mary to have out of my estate. 3rd having heretofore given to my son John two negroes named Lucinda and Lewis and Martha one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf one hundred and furniture some hogs in all worth nine hundred and seventy dollars. 4th having given to my beloved daughter Mary the negroes named Alcy & Nancy & Henry one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf some hogs in all worth five hundred and fifty dollars and I shall make no further provisions for her but 5th having heretofore given to my son John two negroes a girl named Ann & boy named Thomas one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf some hogs one hundred and furniture in all worth nine hundred and seventy dollars. 6th I give to my son John one negro girl named Lissy one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf some hogs my estimation of the worth of the property I give John is seven hundred and thirty-five dollars. 7th I give to my daughter Susan two negroes a girl named Maria a boy named Ned one horse saddle & bridle one cow and calf one hundred and furniture some hogs in all worth nine hundred and seventy dollars but my will is before she receive is said to be paid for her part of it shall be conveyed to a trust for the care and support of her.