

State of Tennessee } August Term 1831 County Court
 Franklin County } That the within last Will and Testament
 of Eliza at Reynolds dead was brought into Court
 and duly proved by the Oaths of John P. Howard and H. B. Hill on
 subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded whereupon
 John Jones & others are Reynolds' heirs into of our Court and
 as far as they are as Executors of the last Will and Testament of
 said dead but returned into Court with Hillis & others are Hillis and
 B. Hillis & others B. Hillis and H. B. Hillis & others then secured
 in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars according
 to law and that letters Testamentary issue accordingly
 E Russell cert
 Recorded in my office this 21st day
 of October 1831
 E Russell cert

In the Name of God Amen, I Margaret M. McGowan of the County
 of Franklin and State of Tennessee being in sound mind
 full memory blessed the God for his mercies do make this my
 last Will and Testament as follows in pursuance I give to my best
 friend Mary McGowan my negro girl Lince and she is to pay my sister
 Elizabeth McGowan and she is also the wife of James Howard
 fifty Dollars and she is also to pay my sister Rebecca McGowan
 and she is also the wife of William B. Hillis fifty Dollars
 my Brother David McGowan is owing me for my land a balance
 of three hundred dollars this I wish to be equally
 divided between Sister Elizabeth and Rebecca the period of
 the said J. Howard and W. B. Hillis and I also hereby give my
 negro woman and judge her freedom at my decease and I do
 also allow all my just debts to be paid out of my estate
 or the above above parties parties to settle it out of the
 estate I intend to them jointly and I do hereby appoint
 my brother John McGowan sole Executor of this my last
 Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 10th day of August in the year
 of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty
 sealed published and delivered
 by the above named Margaret M. McGowan (Margaret M. McGowan)
 McGowan for and as her last Will and Testament in presence
 of John McGowan James Pacey McGowan James

State of Tennessee } August Term 1831
 Franklin County } That the last Will and Testament of Margaret
 McGowan dead was brought into Court
 duly proved by the Oaths of John McGowan & Pacey McGowan the
 subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and
 whereupon John McGowan the Executor named in the said Will

came into court and renounced his rights to the said three
 It is therefore ordered by the Court that James Howard and three sons
 & three be appointed administrators with the three annexed of the
 said Margaret M. Town and who entered into bond with
 David M. Town their security in the sum of twelve hundred
 dollars according to law and qualified accordingly
 Recorded in my office this 2nd day of October 1837
 E Russell clk

In the name of God Amen I John Matheris of the County of
 Franklin and State of Tennessee do make and publish the following
 as and for my last will and Testament. First my will is that all my
 just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter appointed as soon after
 my death as practicable. I then I give and bequeath unto Hannah
 Matthews and her children Elizabeth Fidelity Mary Emily Mother and
 such other children as she may have at the time of my decease
 the following real and personal estate to wit two tracts of land situated
 lying and being in the County of Franklin in the Borens adjoining
 the lands of George Gray Day and James Brown east of said tract
 containing one hundred acres and known by the name of the Holme
 tract and the others by the name of the Sherman tract with all and
 singular or the appurtenances to them and their heirs forever subject
 to the condition following that is to say that the said Hannah
 Matthews is to have the use and possession only of said tract of
 land for and during her life and after her death the fee simple
 estate in said land to vest in her said children now living
 or which she may hereafter have and the representatives of each
 as may be died before her said Hannah with power to purchase
 each of her said children to enjoy each part thereof during his life
 as she may think proper notwithstanding the joint and equal portion
 of each child. I then I give and bequeath unto the said Hannah
 Matthews and her children aforesaid and such other child as she may
 have at the time of my decease the following negro slaves and their
 property to wit. One negro man named Dick and his wife Rachel
 and their six children namely Cynthia Austin Francis George Robert
 and Alfred negro man James and his wife Anne & the issue or
 descendants of the former subject to the same conditions as in the last
 clause that is to say that the said Hannah is to have the use and
 possession of such slaves only during her life and after her death
 the same to be equally divided between her children to them & their
 heirs forever that the said Hannah with the same power of
 distribution amongst her children in her life time as she may
 think proper I also give and bequeath to the said Hannah Matthews
 and her children and their heirs of my stock of horses cattle sheep and
 hogs household furniture and the one half of all other personal estate
 negroes excepted and not herein otherwise disposed of upon the same