

In the name of God Amen: I Richard A. Early of the County of
Franklin State of Tennessee do make Ordain and establish the
following as and for my last will and Testament that is to say:
First I will that my body be buried in a decent Christian like
manner and a plain black or slate of stone placed both at the head
and foot of my grave with an inscription thereon setting forth
the date of my birth & death the whole expense of which to be
paid out of my Estate. Item: I will that all my just debts
be paid by my Executor hereinafter to be appointed as soon
after my decease as practicable. Item: I have heretofore conveyed
to George Hager as Trustee for my wife the tract of land on
which I at present reside: which conveyance I hereby satisfy
to all intents & purposes and in addition thereto: I give and bequeath
unto my said wife the following property to wit: One negro boy
named Gabriel one boy named Samuel one horse and one
bay gelding called Jack my red riding horse called old boy
one wagon and four oxen two plows and two pairs of gears
choic of them on hand two cows and calves 12 heads of sheep
20 heads of hogs and all the household and kitchen furniture
Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Bryant Early one negro
slave named Lefflorotte and her four children Joe Ba a
Elyza Sarah & Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Hugh
Early one negro boy named Edmond & Item I give and bequeath
unto my son John Early wife of George Baker of Jackson County
Alabama one negro boy named Jeff. Item: I give and
bequeath unto Pacey Thompson daughter of Esther Thompson
one negro girl named Martha: the three last named
objects of my charity are the natural children of Esther
Thompson which I have always recognized as such, as
my children. I have not heard from Pacey for some time
she may be married if so: the description here given will
be sufficient designation: Item I give and bequeath unto
my son Benjamin Early the following negro slaves namely
Robert Nichols and Esther one boy named Caleb Cook and
one barrel Jilly called Sarah Estlin. Item I leave to my
wife Nancy Early during her natural life or widowhood
one negro boy named Frank and after her death my will
is that he be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided
between all the Legates in this will. Item: I give and
bequeath unto my son Henry Early one tract of land in
the County of Franklin on the north side of Elk River
adjoining the tract on which I at present reside containing first
to John Ains more or less being the same tract of land purchased
of James Montgomery from which John Brown the present Tenant
in possession of said land showed desire to rent it for the
three succeeding years after if he presents upon my will is
that he be permitted to have the same on his paying to my
son Henry Early the same rent per annum that he is bound to

pay me the present year. I also give and bequeath unto my son
 Henry Early two white Tubs mallets and other apparatus thereto
 appertaining being the same now in use on the place on which
 I reside. And I have an old faithful Zimale slave called
 Sorah whom I loan to my wife during her life or widowhood
 and after her death or widowhood I give and bequeath said slave
 to such persons as she may wish to serve. I then say that
 that all the rest and residue of my Estate (Except four Townlots
 in the Town of Bellefonte Jackson County Alabama which I
 give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Early and my son
 in Law George Guter to be equally divided between them not
 herebefore specifically bequeathed he sold and the proceeds
 thereof appropriated either with the money on hand and the
 debts due to the payment of my debts and if there should be
 any surplus my will is that it be equally divided amongst
 all the before named Legacies. But if the funds herein set apart
 for the payment of debts should be insufficient my will is
 that the deficiency should be made up out of the Legacy to my
 son Payant Benjamin. And if it should become necessary
 for the payment of debts my will is that the four lots in
 Bellefonte Alabama owned to Benjamin Early & George Guter
 be sold for that purpose before interfering with the property
 devised to Payant and Benjamin Early & George Guter
 appoint Joseph Heller Executor of this my last will and
 Testament hereby directing the County Court of Transylvania
 his application for Letters Testamentary not to require security
 & that permission and with permission also to execute the
 Execution of this will or resign his Executorship whenever
 he thinks proper. In testimony whereof the said Richard S.
 Early hath hereunto set his hand and seal this 7th day of
 July 1836

Signed sealed published and delivered
 by the Testator as and for his last
 will & Testament in the presence of
 the subscribers who subscribed their
 names as witnesses in his presence

R. S. Early Seal

Spencer D. Lawrence Leigh Montgomery John Laffan,
 Attorneys of Transylvania

At a County Court begun and held for the County of Transylvania on the 5th day
 of September A.D. 1836. Then the last will and Testament of R. S. Early as
 produced in open Court by Joseph Heller the Executor therein
 named whereupon came Spence D. Lawrence Leigh Montgomery
 and John Laffan who being duly sworn depose and say that the said Richard S. Early declared
 and published this as his last will and Testament and at the time
 of signing the same the said R. S. Early was of sound mind
 disposing mind and memory and that he acknowledged the same in
 their presence and they as witnesses signed the same at his request

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court to be recorded and it is
further ordered by the Court that Joseph Miller the Executor
named in the will above mentioned have full power to execute
and record in the State above mentioned those several Testaments
signed in the day and year above said.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court the 24th day of September A.D. 1836
J. H. Bragerton Clerk.

William Bastie of Franklin County Tennessee do make
This my last will and Testament bearing and bequeathing my worldly
estate in the manner following (to-wit) 1st I leave to my wife
Anne Bastie during her natural life the tract of land on
which I now live in Franklin County containing two hundred
acres purchased by Pompey Leonard and at her death the
same to be disposed of in the manner hereafter provided:
2nd I leave to my son John B. Bastie the tract of land in Franklin
County on which he resides containing about three hundred
and twenty five acres purchased of John W. Gower also I leave
to my son John B. Bastie at the death of his mother just six
acres and twenty four poles of land off of the South part of the tract
bequeathed to my wife during her life beginning at a stake
situate the South east corner of said tract running West
two hundred poles to a Hickory corner in the 7th and then
North to a stake in the center of the land then with the center
of the land an Easterly course Seventy Three poles to a stake
then North fifteen poles to a pole then east one hundred and
twenty seven poles to a stake on the East line then South
to the beginning together with a cotton gin and threshing machine
now upon the said parcel of land during the life of
the said John B. Bastie or so long as he may continue to reside
thereon but should he remove therefrom his estate in said
land is to cease and at his death or removal from said land
the same is to go to his children or their representatives in fee.
3rd I give to my said son John B. Bastie the power at any
time before his death or removal by deed or will to dispose
of said land to one or more of his children so as to vest the
fee simple estate in such child or children if he should think
proper to do so 4th I leave to my son Littleberry Bastie the tract
of land on which he resides in Franklin County being about
three hundred acres purchased of James Lockard together with my
blacksmith tools during the life of said Littleberry Bastie or
so long as he may continue to reside thereon but should
he remove therefrom his estate in said land is to cease and at
his death or removal from said land the same to go to his
children or their representatives in fee. 5th I give to my son Littleberry