

Henry Shields

In the name of God Amen
 I Henry Shields of Greene County and state
 of Tennessee being for some time in a
 lingering state of bad health and calling
 to mind the mortality of the body that it
 is so ordained for all men once to
 die do think it proper to make constitute
 and ordain this my last will and
 testament Principally and first
 recommending my soul to the hand of God
 that gave it and my body to the
 Earth to be buried in a decent
 Christian ^{like} manner at the discretion
 of my Executors and as touching my
 worldly Estate wherein God in
 his providence has blessed me in
 this life I distribute in the manner
 and form following (to wit) It is my
 will and desire that my son John
 shall have one hundred acres of
 laid off of the west side of my land
 including his improvement at the
 dead running spring beginning at the
 north side line at the foot of
 the knobs at the head of a ten acre
 field passing through the last field
 I cleared supposed to be six acres ^{about}
 to the ten acre fence to the end
 of said line of fence although the
 said six acre field is to remain
 and continue as part of the old
 farm untill the younger son becomes
 of age which will be in the year
 1831 on the 15th day of September and
 the crop of the last year to be taken
 off by the occupants without molestation
 then the course to turn Easterly
 with sd ten acre fence and stop
 at such a point that will form a

line with the upper end of a field on the left hand side of the Road as we go to John Diggers being likewise a ten acre field and so running with ad fence till the corner then turning with Gutts and running till such a point that by running thence south thirty degrees East which will be a line parallel to the old original tract on the west line so that it will contain one hundred acres including the aforesaid six acre field which the ad. John is to have full possession of after the year 1831 as above described.

My son William I give and bequeath his lot or share of my lands on the north side beginning at the same point that my son John does and so running with his lines as described in its various courses till it comes to that point where it calls for a course south thirty degrees East it then continues the same course that point being the same course with the said field fence and so passing through the south side of an old water field till it comes to the top of a rise at a pine just as you descend the summit towards the water front from that to a black oak a little above the elbow of the branch much read with shooting at and bullet cutting out thence across the branch and Kentucky Road by a straight line to a black oak three poles south of the big stone quarry that lies up the hollow at the right hand side of the road as we go to Greenville then by a south course extending it so far that by running a due west line from the beginning of

corner of the hundred acre tract on which the ad. stone quarry stands will intersect with each other all the land lying northward of these lines described and in the limits of my patent lines including the mansion house and out-buildings thereunto belonging is that part of my Real Estate that appertains to my son William and it is my will and desire that the balance of my lands lying south of Williams line shall appertain to my three youngest daughters namely Peggy, Alphie and Nancy that the adjoining Williams land on the north John on the west it is my will and desire that share joining my son Williams line shall appertain to my youngest daughter Nancy and shall contain one hundred acres of land including what is called the wees improvement which I consider to be worth four dollars pr. acre and the balance of land supposed to be under two hundred acres to be equally divided between the other two girls Peggy and Alphie the value which I consider to be worth three dollars pr. acre and it is my will and desire that my daughter Polly shall have a young mare rising three years old called Hanover a saddle and bridle a good bed and bedding which I consider worth one hundred and forty dollars the amount of the property I give my daughter Jane when she left me one hundred sixty one dollars and seventy five cent of the amount put into my daughter Rachels hands and her husband John Quinn after marriage I consider to be five hundred sixty six dollars and

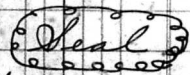
fifty cents and the amount of what
 gave my son John seven hundred
 thirty four dollars
 and my son William I further allow
 a spring colt that came of the old
 snip mare not valuable at its
 present appearance and a saddle
 and bridle worth twenty eight
 dollars to be got for him and it is
 my will and desire that my moveable
 property shall all be left in the hands
 of my wife Esther and no vendue
 or sale made as the estate not
 being in debt and that she may
 have an opportunity of carrying on the
 farm with the same privilege
 that I did in my life time in order
 to support and raise the family
 together and at the same time I
 promise to be rising industry with
 the family in making feeding and
 other necessaries that I in their power
 may which may be beneficial for
each their when they may take to a
 separate way of living still to have such
 articles valued as the may be delivered
 by two free holders such as an executor
 and the widow may upon and to be
amounted for as much of their
 share in the estate in whomever
 of their Heirs such property may be put
 into the hands of and Dr Williams
 divide of the land it appears could not be
 laid off any less for a commodious plantation
 under the existing surroundances and
 considering it to be more to his
equitable share including other perquisites
at that I consider myself in duty bound
accommodate him with for his out set in
 the world I do injoin it upon him to
 stay and manage and work
 industriously for the share of at least

two years after he becomes twenty one years
 of age under the control and direction of
 the widow his mother during which time
 he is to be furnished with all
 necessary apparel and diet as usual
 but if he should not think proper to agree
 with these terms he may have the same
 principal upon his paying two hundred
 dollars into the hands of the executors
 to be distributed among the Jemal Heirs
 still having respect to those Heirs that have
 got the best to bring them up Equal but that
 if my wife should think and consider
 the care of the farm burthensome at any
 time she may think proper, she is at liberty
 to surrender up all the moveable property
 into the hands of the executors and
 have her legal share of the Estate laid
 off according to law but if she should think
 proper to Exceed to the first proposition
 there is three hundred dollars coming
 to the Estate from Royal Stokely one hundred
 a year first payment in February 1826 a
 part of that will be taken up in paying
 the Doctor some small store debts
 and barring Expenses the whole Balance
 of three hundred dollars it is my will
 shall be put into the widows hand
 for the purpose of hiring hands to put
 the place in repair or the fencing
 is much out of fix and finishing the
 barn that is a building and buying
 some saddles and bridles & other
 necessaries that in her judgment herself
 and family may stand in need of
 the Legacies of my father and
 father in law Estate has not yet
 come to hand but the first that
 comes to hand it is my will that she
 shall have three hundred dollars
 thereof paid into her hand as her own
present property to aid and assist her

in her declining years and the dwelling house and out buildings there unto belonging together with the third of all my lands for her permanent home for and during her natural life or widowhood at the expiration of which the movable property that remains in her hand to be Exposed to public sale by the Ext^{rs} at a credit of nine months or a year at the discretion of the Ext^{rs} and distributed as aforesaid the movable property put into the widow's hand all to be valued by two judicious free holders and it will that she shall have the privilege of trading upon the property thus left in her hand as she may deem it necessary for support and maintenance of the family left in her care as it is my will and desire that the children unmarried while they behave themselves prudent and industrious shall live in a family capacities as in my life time what she remain single and the widow in her state of widowhood. There is sixteen acres of land more or less lying in Washington County in this state adjoining lines with Winkle Blage and Gray which place to be sold the Ext^{rs} are at liberty to sell it at private sale providing the can sell it from fifty to a hundred dollars or if they think it most proper they may put it up to public sale and they are hereby authorized to make the purchase a good title

I do hereby pronounce and declare this to be my last will and testament revoking all former wills and bequeaths ratifying this and this only as my last will and testament and in testimony of which I do hereunto set my hand and seal this

sixteenth day of January Eighteen hundred and
twenty six
I do hereby appoint my two sons John Shields
and William Shields Executors of this my
last will and Testament.

Henry Shields 
The devition lines to lay off my
three daughters lands as above mentioned
is to be done by due east and west
lines from my son Johns line to the
Eastern boundry line of my lands as
witness my hand

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Samuel Sherrill

I now all men by these presance
that I Samuel Sherrill of Green County
south of the river Ohio my
divids south side of French Broad
river presance of Almighty God
and the audience of the witneses that
has signed the names hereunto do
in condition tho weak in
body blessd god I have the
presance my reason seue and
understanding and do will
and bequeth all my lands a
livings goods and Chattle Altha Sherrill
my wife a all to be at her desposal
and to give and distribute and
despose of the aforesaid estate to my
children as she thinks fitt and in
witness whereof I set my hand this
day of August 1791

Samuel Sherrill 