

A Copy of the last Will & Testament of James A. Bloomer, Decd. Filed & proven July Term 1878.

I, James A. Bloomer a citizen of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee being in feeble health but of sound disposing mind, Calling to mind the uncertainty of life in the wise but un-
 certain dealings of Divine Providence with the Children of men am admonished to make such a disposition of my property as will be wise and proper. And to this end I will my soul at death to a Merciful God who gave it, and my body to the Earth from whence it came.

I hereby bequeath to my two daughters after my death to wit: Lucy Jane and Nancy Bloomer the following situated tract or parcel of land including the house and buildings where I now reside and the barn and all other buildings contained within said boundaries. Beginning on a Black Walnut on the north east corner of my place it being the beginning corner on a Conditioned line made and established between John Sledge and myself and running with the same down the Valley in nearly west course to a Black Walnut situated on the west side of the same road leading from Rogersville to Knoxville Va. in the top of a large rock near the side of the old Saw Mill. From thence along said road to a timber pine oak on the east side of said road near the barn where I now reside, from thence in a straight line in a easterly course to the highest point on the top of Pine Ridge in front of my house, and from thence along the highest part of said pine ridge to the eastern line of said place and from thence along the line of my land to the beginning.

I will and bequeath the above said mentioned tract of land to my two daughters aforesaid and their heirs jointly in fee simple subject alone to the conditions hereinafter named in equal shares each to have and enjoy equal privileges in and to the same and to all the buildings on the same, and should either of them hereafter determine to sell her undivided share in and to said land she is to first give the refusal of the same to her sister and in case said sister refuses to become the purchaser then and in that case the refusal is to be given to my son Thomas Bloomer and in case both should desire to sell they are if they see proper to give the refusal to my son Thomas Bloomer.

I hereby will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah wife of Nathan Snapp the sum of Fifteen Dollars to be paid in the following manner after my death to wit: each of my daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy Bloomer are to

pay five dollars and my son Thomas Bloomer is to pay five dollars to my said daughter Sarah.

I hereby will and bequeath to Maggie and Nathan Snapp my grand child the offspring of my daughter Mary and to Nathan Snapp the sum of five dollars each to be paid them in equal parts by my daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy and my son Thomas Bloomer when they come of age.

I hereby will and bequeath to my son Thomas Bloomer at my death the balance of the land of which I am seized and possessed, and to him and his heirs not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament except twelve and one quarter acres which I have this date sold and conveyed to Christian Bloomer and for which I have executed deeds in fee simple.

The household property claimed by each of my daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy Bloomer as well as that claimed by my beloved wife Margaret Bloomer is hereby confirmed and is to be theirs to use and dispose of as they see proper. The Bay Steading is to be the property of my daughter Nancy at my death and the Bay Mare is to be for the use of my wife and my said daughter Lucy Jane and Nancy. The Bay Stallion of which I am possessed is to be sold on one and two years credit the purchaser giving good and sufficient bond and security for the payment of the purchase money. All debts in any wise due me or which may become due my estate hereafter by the sale of the Stallions aforesaid are to be collected as soon as possible or as soon as they become due. And the same is to be a fund in the hands of my personal Representative to pay and liquidate all just debts owing by me and should there be a surplus left after paying said debts the same is to go to my said wife Margaret and daughter Lucy Jane and Nancy but in case the debts due me does not pay out the debts and expenses held against me then and in that case the balance then due and unpaid is to be liquidated as follows to wit: My son Thomas is to pay two thirds of said residue and my daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy equally between them.

All Cows and Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Pigs of which I am possessed are to go and belong to my wife Margaret and two daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy and to be used by them for their own benefit.

It is my will that my beloved wife Margaret should have her home and habitation in the house in which I now reside and that all the land hereby bequeathed shall inure to her and her benefit during her lifetime and then the bequests herein provided for as affecting my daughters Lucy Jane and Nancy and my son Thomas

Bloomer shall become absolute according to the terms of this testament. My daughters Lucy Ann and Nancy are to reside in the house hereby bequeathed to them during the lifetime of my wife and to be equal beneficiaries in the production of the land here by bequeathed during said term of life aforesaid; and my son Thomas Bloomer is to reside on the land bequeathed to him during the natural life of my wife to manage and farm the same during the term of said life when the bequest herein will become absolute.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Bloomer to be the Administrator to this my last Will and testament and to see that the provisions therein contained are carried out, and to that end having implicit confidence in his honesty and integrity he is not to be required to give bond and security as such Administrator. And I hereby ordain and establish the foregoing to be my last will and testament. And in Witness whereof I hereby annex my hand and affix my seal this 5th day of June 1878.

Witness
Christian Bloomer.
Wm. H. Bannar.

James A. Bloomer

Copy of Will Original Filed and sworn 7th day of October 1878

I William J. Cusor of the County of Hamilton State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills.

First I will myself a debt of burial. Second I will my funeral and funeral expenses are paid and to each of my children to wit: Matthew Goforth Lewis John W. Cusor, Barbara E. Bell, William J. Cusor, and Sarah E. Cusor the sum of One dollar each, to be made out of any property I may have at the time of my death.

3rd The balance of my property together with my lands I give unto my wife Mary to have and to hold the same during her natural life or widowhood and after that to go to my daughter Catharine Cusor to do with as she may see fit or proper. Given under hand and seal this 12th day of May 1878.

William J. Cusor

Copy of will of J. M. Robb. Original Filed 7th day of October 1878.

I J. M. Robb, being of sound mind and of good understanding do make and publish this as my last will and testament, I will and bequeath all my just debts to be paid if there be any. Third I will and bequeath unto John Robb the sum of one child of Catharine Robb as my personal property and all of my notes and claims. Near I may have had at my death.

Fourth I wish John B. Dykes to have and take care of my estate for then June the 21. 1877.

Witness in our presence.

Attest J. B. Dykes.
J. R. Dykes

Copy of Minerva Phillips Will. Filed and sworn October 1878.

I Minerva Phillips do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

If it my will that after my legal habitation including my funeral expenses is paid. All my estate great and personal go to and belong to my Mother Phineas Phillips.

In witness whereof I have here set my hand and in presence of John W. Phillips and John W. Morris who I request to be my witnesses to this my last will, and this the 12th day of September 1878.

John W. Phillips
John W. Morris

Minerva Phillips