

Copy of James Francisco's will

I James Francisco of Hawkins County and
 State of Tennessee being the uncertainty of
 life and the certainty of death, wishing to dispose of my
 estate both real and personal the manner that seems
 right and just do make this my last will & Testament
 in writing. Regarding all wills by me made before
 this last. First I say with & desire that all my
 just debts be speedily paid with my buying & sales.
 Secondly I give to my daughter Phoebe Betaline
 Vaughn Francis ~~of~~ ^{of} said Land inclu-
 ding the house and other buildings on said Land
 lot No 1 which is shown by the Plat herein in-
 colored the division line between Phoebe & my
 son Jackson W. Francisco. Beginning on the south
 side of Stage Road on the South West corner Eliza-
 beth Vaughn's Lot of 6 acres then with the
 dividing line of the two lots Phoebe Vaughn and
 Elizabeth Vaughn N 23 W 18 Poles to a stake
 in the middle of the great road corner of the
 two lots then following with the pass way to the
 head of the spring N 23 W 15 Poles to a stake
 in the middle of said pass way. Then west
 two Poles to stake then N 24 W 14 poles to a
 stake opposite or nearly so to the spring. Then
 North 25 W 170 poles passing through the fields
 to a black oak & Hickory on a ridge about
 3 Poles west of the north West corner of the
 hill field then W 6 Poles to 3 white oaks on
 the top of a ridge then N 36 W 26 poles to a
 white oak on a rocky point then N 37 E 15
 Poles to a large Spanish oak on the side of a
 small ridge then N 22 West 50 Poles to 2
 white oaks on Busby's line which line passes
 through a point on the top of the ridge which
 lines of the division between Phoebe & Jack W.
 I give all my land on the north side of the
 Stage road & on the East of said division
 lines to P. A. Vaughn and her heirs containing
 one hundred & eighty acres be the same more

or less also I give Phoebe my daughter all
of my household & kitchen furniture with
my wearing loom except my cooking stove
my bed and steady black cabinet & Bureau
with all that is in my house & kitchen fur-
niture and charge her seventy five dollars
for the same also she is to have a horse
or fifty dollars that as she never had a dower
chest to her when married she shall be
charged ~~therefor~~ advanced say property to
the value of fifty dollars in the settlement
of my Estate that she & when married.
Thirdly - I give my son Jackson W. Francisco
his heirs all my land west of division lines
which more fully show by the plat herein in-
closed including the house where Jerry
Celous now lives on the south of the road.
The house where Jim Knig lives and the
cold comfort house contain two
hundred & seventy acres in the same more
or less and charge them with money &
property advanced to them say five hundred
dollars. All of the above land & negroes
shall be valued by the following men Robert
Gooper Nathaniel Wells Eldridge Hardt
Joshua Shipp Robert McTurk and Philip King
and if any of the within named men should
die or leave the country any two of them
shall be sufficient and their valuation
shall be final. The lands to be valued & negroes
at each valuation the land & production
of each lot shall be valued & deduction
made on each lot of four hundred dollars
on account of the of their mother is attached
to said lot as they have devised their mother's
land to take effect at my death which
I have included in this deed in this will.
I got two negroes by Jackson & Adeline mother
worth saying four hundred dollars each

After paying them each four hundred dollars
my wish is for my Executors to divide my
Estate equally among my three children
agreeable to the valuation of the Property & my
debts & what money if I have any on hand
the Balance of my Property & Land shall be
sold by my Executors & the money divided
equally among my three children share
& share alike & hereby authorize my
Executors hereafter named to get their
shares I have in a tract of land in Va
in Scott County to form hundred acre tract
be the same more or less which is a fourth
of a tract of land including the callahan
Spring which is undivided if I do not all
the term before I die and make a special
warranted deed of conveyance to the
same either at Public or Private sale. The
same to be equally divided as heretofore
my will is that if I have crop commenced that
my family & stock shall be permitted to remain
on the premises until the crop is all
gathered that my son Jackson shall see that
nothing shall be destroyed no more than
can be helped the family shall remain as
I was living until said crop shall be gath-
ered and may be divided equally among
my children & their sale of the same
and any property that I have not specially
willed may be divided by my children if
they so wish & can agree to the same with-
out a sale my daughter P. S. Vaughn & her
children she being an unfortunate person
I hereby agree that her & her children shall
not be charged anything by my Executors or
by Jackson or Wm B. Francisco for raising
educating & keeping them or what money
I have laid for their benefit as she owes
us to even & no charge to be made by

either of us as my son Wm B has
rec^d the Estate that came by the Burris
family I think it right & just that
P. A. Jackson shall have in value what
their Mother had at the time of our marriage.
I hereby appoint Robert Cooper & my son
Jackson my Executors of this my last
Will & Testament in writing my wish
is that after my defraying all necessary
expenses due, say for their services that
they may divide my Estate equally a-
mong my three Children equally to my
directions herein set forth that they keep
a valuation of the Land & Trees or return
the same to Court so that there may be a
record of the same a account of value
of my other property & take a receipt from
each child what they have received &
will insin it as some of my Executors at
my death to take out & deliver as my
property that is not specially Willed & if
the same returned to Court in fulfilling
this my last Will & Testament I have
been influenced only by what I consider
what is right & just I wish my children
to act like Brothers & Sisters & be friendly
I testify whereof set my hand & affix
my seal Dec. 27 1855 James Frauchas Seal
Signed & acknowledged

before us

John Hopkins

Joseph W. Clark

Charles A. Burdick

Samuel Cloud

Matthew Marcus Lynch

John P. Hamilton

Copy of Allen Carter Will

I Allen Carter of the County of Hawkins and State of
Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and
Testament hereby Revoking and Making void all former
Wills by me made and first I direct that my Body be
recently Buried in a Manner suitable to my Condition in
life and as to such worldly Estate as it has pleased
God to entrust me with I dispose of as follows
first I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses
be paid as soon after my death as possible out of
any Moneys that I may die possessed of
second I Will and bequeath to my Wife & my
Children all my Lands and Stocks of all description
House & Solar Kitchen furniture of all kinds my Wife is
to have the above Bequeath for life Time or as long as he
Remains my Widow When ever my Wife
to be my Widow then my Estate is to equally divide
among my Children in Writings whereof I Allen Carter
here unto set my hand and Seal this 29 day of July
1863

Attest

Ad. Johnson

Stephen Carter

David Hickman

Allen Carter
his mark

Copy of John Armstrong Will

I John Armstrong do make and Publish this as my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Making
void all other Wills by at any Time made heretofore
First I direct that my Funeral Expenses and all my
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of
any Moneys that I may die possessed of or may first
come into the hands of my Executor
second I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Jane
Twenty five Dollars for which I have previously heretofore
provided for