

Copy of the last will and Testament of Michael Shanks dec'd;
which was sworn the 4th day of December 1871.

I, Michael Shanks do make, and publish this as my last will and Testament, nothing and making void all other wills by me at any time made,

First- I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money's that I may die possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly- I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Shanks all my household and Kitchen furniture of every description and all my farming utensils of every description and also that was bought of Thomas H. Henshaw, and her in manse consisting of a brifer nearly grown on, Steer 3 Year old, pig, and a small calf, and ^{also} my hogs, 14 head of sheep, and also poultry of every description and also my bay mare three years old past, and also all my grain consisting of wheat, corn and oats, and all my hay and straw.

And it is my wish and desire that she shall have the following described tract ^{of land} during her natural life and then divided again between my sons, John and John about said tract bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a stone line on the south side of the falls ridge then across said ridge to near the corner of the Aple and peach orchard then near and with the corner of the fence until it intersects the old line, then with said line to the top of Stone Mountain to a chimney then along the top of said Mountain to a stake opposite a long stone of said Mountain, then along the top of said Spur, South Easterly through and close by a little part of a Shaw neck in said fence to a stake on the boundary line on the south side of said falls ridge then along line to the beginning, containing ^{one} acre and being in value in value of ^{all} my goods.

Thirdly- The balance of my Stock I wish sold except the old bay mare, my wish and desire is that John & I Shanks shall keep her until December 1872 and

then let her be sold.

Fourthly, The balance of my lands I wish to be divided equally among all my children John and Mary about in following manner. Said lots is to be lay off, of the home place, and two lots out of the place where Henry Shanks now lives. Now my wish is that my son Michael and Diffusion Shanks lots shall be layed off so as to include all the improvements which they made, and said lots be valued without taking the value of said improvements into consideration in the valuing said lots and the same lots is assigned to the said Michael & Diffusion Shanks, and my son Henry and my daughter Jane Jane lots shall be layed off of the upper place where my son Henry now lives, of the same value, of the seven lots of the home place, and said lots, should be worth more than the lots on the home place, then said Henry Shanks and Jane Jane shall pay to the other legatees, the difference in said lots, and said lots is assigned to said Henry Shanks and Jane Jane, and the balance of said lots, which is five in number, the same may divide them among themselves as they may choose.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Wm P. McQuibben my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 3rd day Nov 1871

Signed sealed and published Michael Shanks (Seal)
in our presence and we have hereunto our hands and names here in the presence of the testator, the day and date above written
George Webb.
Gabriel Webb.

I copy of the last will with Codicils of James H. Moore dec'd;
which was sworn the 11th day of January 1872.

I, James H. Moore of the County of Starchess and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, nothing and making void all other wills by me made at any time heretofore.

1st- It my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money's that I may die possessed of or may hereafter come in the hands of my personal representative.

2nd I will and bequeath to Children and heirs of my daughter