

Robert Wilson's last will

I Robert Wilson of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound memory & mind & knowing the mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will & testament that is to say I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it & my body to the dust to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner & as to the worldly estate with which God has been pleased to bless me I bequeath & dispose of in the following manner (to wit) In the first place I allow full my just debts to be paid by my executors And to my beloved wife Mary Wilson I give & bequeath all my house hold & kitchen furniture to be at her sole disposal & also the one half of all my money & debts owing to me in the State of Virginia & Tennessee at the time of my decease & to my son Charles Wilson I give & bequeath one bay horse & one Gray Mare & gray filly reserving one barrel mares bone brown mare for the use of my wife Mary during her life and I also give & bequeath unto my son Charles & Wilson all my farming utensils & also all my Cattle hogs & sheep & the one half of all the money & debts owing to me at my decease & at the death of my wife Mary I bequeath unto my son Charles & Wilson the plantation whereon I now live to him & his heirs forever and I also give & bequeath to my daughter Jane Woodruff the one half of all my Books & the other half I leave to my son Charles Wilson And I constitute my wife Mary my executrix & my son Charles my executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills & testaments

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 23rd day of April 1836 assigned & sealed in presence of Th. M. Blake Jno. M. Blake & Charles Thomas State of Tennessee Second session of the Court of Tipton County and Court of Tipton County 1832 I Robert W. Sanford Clerk of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions of Tipton County do hereby certify that the undersigned paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Robert Wilson &c. &c. received on this 5 July purports to be the last will & testament of Robert Wilson &c. &c. by the oath of Hughell Blake one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be so certified for registration in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal of office at office the 5th day of December 1832

R. W. Sanford
Recorded February 5th 1833

Charles Bulfinch last will & testament

In the Name of God Amen Dec. 4th 1832 I Charles Bulfinch of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and thank God for his mercy that I am in tolerable health at this time, Yet viewing the uncertainty of all human calculations and knowing the certainty of death, I do constitute this instrument signed with my own hand my last will & testament revoking all others. First it is my desire if I should die in debt to any person that they be paid as soon as the nature of circumstances will permit out of my perishable property (if there is not sufficient other funds) i.e. debt due to me ready money &c. secondly - It is my desire that my seven children whom I had by my first wife, viz. James Wilderness Bulfinch Martha Cummings Bulfinch John Alexander Bulfinch William Hamilton Bulfinch Samuel Preston Bulfinch Elizabeth Caroline Bulfinch & Malinda Bulfinch have the tract of land now owned by me lying on Elk river on the north side of the river five miles below Fayetteville which tract of land Elijah & John M. Bulfinch decided to me bound on the north by Gunter survey containing one hundred & seventy five acres be the same more or less and as the situation of the land will not admit of dividing into that number of settlements and to permit

Any contention after my death concerning the few legacies that I am able to bequeath
 my children it is my desire that as soon as convenient after my decease that my
 executors to this my last will & testament (who are hereafter named) shall advertise and sell
 said tract of land to the highest bidder on the following credit (to wit) one half of the
 purchase money to be paid in twelve months after the said sale the other half in two
 years and I request and desire my executors that if there is a news paper printed at
 that time in Fayetteville Swanton County Tennessee that they advertise said land and persons
 to selling at least three months in said paper and longer if thought necessary but not
 to exceed six months the purchase price to be paid out of the first instalment of the purchase money
 of said land the residue of the whole purchase money, I desire and desire that it be equally
 divided between my seven children as before mentioned. Thirdly, It is my desire that
 my present wife Elizabeth (rely) live on and enjoy the benefits arising from a certain tract of
 land on which I now live bounded on the south by Ephraim Looke's survey containing one
 hundred & five acres be the same more or less the same I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth
 (rely) during her natural life or widowhood in case that she the said Elizabeth
 marries then & in that case it is my desire that the said tract of land last mentioned be sold
 on a credit of twelve months & the money when collected be divided equally one half of it betw
 -een my wife Elizabeth (rely) & the children she have borne or may bear by me & the other half of
 the money arising from the said land to be equally divided among my seven children
 -as my wife Elizabeth (rely) in this my will to wit, James M. (rely), Martha C. (rely), Samuel D. (rely),
 William S. (rely), Samuel F. (rely), Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely), and in case my wife
 Elizabeth (rely) should die without marrying then & in that case I desire that the said one hun
 -dred & five acres of land be sold as aforesaid & that half of the purchase money be equally divided
 between James M. (rely), Martha C. (rely), John S. (rely), William S. (rely), Samuel D. (rely),
 Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely), and the other half be equally divided between the
 children that I may have by my wife Elizabeth (rely). - Having gone through the
 distribution of my real estate I next proceed to consider my personal estate and it
 is my will that my daughters Martha C. (rely), Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely)
 have and I do hereby bequeath to them the three best beds, bedsteads & furniture that
 I may be disposed of as having been left by their dear father my beloved Polly
 (rely), each to have a bed and to have choice in the order that they are named and to
 prevent any dissatisfaction it is my will that the said beds be valued by three
 discreet disinterested men two of which to be chosen by my seven first named chil
 -dren the girls choosing one the boys the other and that these two discreet persons choose
 a third person of these three persons to value the several beds mentioned above each
 of my daughters to wit, Martha C. (rely), Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely) shall then
 take the beds thus valued to them at their valuation. - It is next my desire
 that as soon as convenient after my death that all my other property that I may be disposed of
 not otherwise disposed of in the foregoing bequests & distributions be sold on a credit of twelve
 months out of the proceeds of which I desire that all my just debt be paid & the residue
 to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth (rely) & all my children as before mentioned
 an equal part except to my daughters Martha C. (rely), Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely)
 (rely) from whom the value of each of their beds shall be deducted. - Now it is my will
 further that in case any my children that I had by my first wife my much loved Polly
 that if any of them should die before they arrive at the proper age for making a legal dispo
 -sition of their property or should die without marrying & intestate then & in that case I
 desire that the property that they may die possessed of shall descend to their full brothers
 & sisters equally. - Now I have an interest in my mother's estate to wit, two fifths and it is my
 desire that the proceeds of the same be equally divided between my seven children James M. (rely),
 Martha C. (rely), John S. (rely), William S. (rely), Samuel D. (rely), Elizabeth C. (rely) & Malinda (rely).
 I have now gone through the several bequests and it is my desire that they be attended
 to without contention & in searching for the meaning for the several sentences that my
 executors may not be miscontrived. - Now I proceed to appoint my good friends
 John Clark & David Watson of Swanton county Tennessee my executors to this
 my last will & testament as witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 this 4th day of December 1823.
 Charles (rely)

Allen S. Kennedy's Last Will & Testament.

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 The last will and testa
 -ment of Allen S. Kennedy
 made the 3rd day of June
 in the year of our Lord 1853. I will and devise to my wife Agnes
 Kennedy for and during the term of her natural life or widow
 -ood the two lots of ground upon which I now reside with my
 family known and designated in the plan of the town of Fayetteville
 by numbers of lots 85 and 89 together with all the improvements
 and other appurtenances thereto belonging. I also leave to my
 wife Agnes all my household and kitchen furniture with such
 stock of provisions as may be on hand at my death for and
 during the term aforesaid provided however that said Agnes
 will receive the debts and bequests herein contained for her be
 -nefit as a consideration for the clothing and maintenance of my
 five children until they are twenty one years of age or such
 of them as may so long live. It is my desire that William Kennedy
 a son of Agnes Kennedy which was born before my marriage with
 said Agnes and my five children herein after named should
 be educated to read, write and cipher, and study english
 grammar their education, if they have the capacity to receive it
 in those different branches to be as complete and as perfect as is
 usually obtained in this country. It is my will & desire that my
 house and lot adjoining a lot belonging to the heirs of James
 Brer on the south and adjoining a house and lot belonging
 to William F. Mason & Co on the north lying on the square in
 the town of Fayetteville should be sold by my executors as soon
 as they may be able to do so for the sum of three thousand
 dollars or more. And I hereby authorize them to sell the same
 for the sum above mentioned or as much more as he may be able to
 get for it and make such deeds in fee simple as may be necessary
 to carry into effect such sale. If my executors shall not be able to
 sell said house & lot for the sum above mentioned it is my
 will and desire that it should be rented out yearly until
 such sale can be made the money so raised by the
 sale or rent of said house and lot or the interest thereof
 or so much of either as may be necessary I wish to be