

Cyrus Cather's Last Will

I, Cyrus Cather of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, and being by the blessing of God of sound mind and memory do make certain, public and declare this my last will and Testament in form following, that is to say

1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors and executive herein after mentioned out of the proceeds of notes and other claims on hand which may be due me but should said notes &c. &c. there due be not sufficient for that purpose then and in that case I desire the sale of such personal property as can be most conveniently spared as shall be sufficient to pay the balance of my debts & other expenses.

2nd All the balance of my Estate both real and personal of every description, I give and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife Nancy Cather the use and control of the same during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death it is my will and desire that the whole of said estate of every description be equally divided between my five children, that is to say William A., Cyrus L. S., Mary C., Sarah M., George J. and John S. Cather.

3rd But should my said wife Nancy Cather at any time hereafter intermarry with any other person then and in that case I desire the whole of my Estate both real and personal of every description to be then sold or a division of the same if practicable to be made equal between my said wife Nancy Cather and over said children as above named which parts or portions thereof I hereby give to them absolute. It being my will and desire that my said wife Nancy Cather shall be entitled to one seventh or child's part of my ^{estate} upon the happening of the contingency as above stated.

Lastly I hereby revoke all former wills and request this my last will be faithfully executed according to the true intent and meaning thereof I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Nancy Cather and my brother Alexander Cather my

Signed

Executors and Executor to this my last will and Testament, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of September 1842

Cyrus Cather (Circled)
The above will was executed in our presence by Cyrus Cather and in presence of each of us John Wood, Bro William
Wm. J. Zimmerman

Proven At the February Term of the Lincoln County Court 1843

John O. Griffis' Last Will

I John O. Griffis of Fayetteville, Lincoln County Tennessee do make this my last will and Testament

First I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible

Second, I give and bequeath to my wife Martha M. the whole of my property both real and personal to have and to hold the one moiety thereof to her & her heirs & assigns forever and to have & to hold the other moiety of the same to her during her natural life, and after her death the same to be equally divided amongst all the children of my brother & sister, then being living

Lastly I do appoint Messrs. W. Bonner & John Brown executors of this my last will and Testament, in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December 1842

Attest
S. Gullett
William M. Smith
William A. Griffis
Proven at the February Term 1843 of the Lincoln County Court

John O. Griffis (Circled)