

Elijah McClure's will

I Elijah McClure of Lincoln County of State of Tennessee, being in sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament revoking all others. In the first place I bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah McClure my land & household furniture of every kind likewise my stock of every kind & farming utensils during her natural life or widowhood. I also empower my brother Isaac McClure to pay all my just debts & to collect all debts coming to me. I also empower my brother Isaac McClure to bargain contract or sell all or any part of my property as to go to the benefit of my wife or children during her life or widowhood or remaining in good credit. I desire my wife to enjoy all my property as long as she lives or remains in good credit but if she marries or forgoes her credit then I want whatever part of my estate should be left or at her death I desire all my property to be disposed of in the following manner I desire my son Aaron to have 12 months schooling or all my remaining term then I desire all my property to be equally divided among my children. I desire my brother Isaac McClure to see to the care of my family & to be paid for his services. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand & seal this 26th of April in the year of our Lord 1831 signed sealed & delivered in presence

of us
Thomas McClure
Aaron McClure

Elijah ^{his} McClure
mark

Proven at January Term 1836

Isaac Rutledge's will

This being my last will & Testament In the name of God Amen. Being of sound memory & in my proper senses as follows after all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid, I wish all my lands to be equally divided among my heirs including my Grand daughter Ann Rebecca Rutledge also my perishable part of my estate I wish equally divided among my heirs & wish my Grand daughter above named to have an equal part in the same but will leave the matter discretionary with my heirs those that are my children whether sell or divide the above named estate I wish to be understood respecting the situation of my Grand daughter above named that is I wish my executors to see to her raising & keep her & do all other acts as I was bound by law to do as a Guardian for said Grand daughter above mentioned and as her estate is in my hands is the reason I give her an equal share with my heirs after her raising expenses is to come out of her part & all other expenses be paid but should my Grand daughter Ann Rebecca Rutledge taken from my executors before the law will make her a Guardian so she can act for herself or be of lawful age then I wish her part in my estate to be relinquish & wish my executor only to pay to her what I am bound for as a Guardian for her Cash & note to the amount of \$808.75 I also wish equally divided among my heirs as above mentioned I appoint Mark Whitcraft & John W. Morris my Executors. In witness whereof I have set my hand this 23rd day of October 1835.

Attest
J. E. Waggoner
Wade A. Morris

Isaac ^{his} Rutledge
mark

Proven at January Term 1837.

Elizabeth Hughes Will.

I Elizabeth Hughes of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee being mindful of my mortality do this 23^d day of May in the year of our Lord 1836 make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following. I first give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Polly the rents & profits arising from my land for the present year also one cow & furniture & I further give & bequeath one cow one ewe. Also I give & bequeath to my eldest son Washington all my stock of hogs & one yearling calf. Also I give & bequeath to my second son Robert one yearling calf & two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Emmetta one head & furniture & two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my son Isaac two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my youngest daughter Peggy one head & furniture & two head of sheep & I also desire that my land should be sold on a credit of one or two years and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among all my children after paying all my just debts; And I do hereby constitute & appoint James Wilson sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day & year first above written

Test Joseph Henderson
Mathew Wilson
Washington Wilson

Elizabeth Hughes
mark

John Murdock Will

I John Murdock of the County of Lincoln State of Tennessee do make for and in this my last will & Testament in order to dispose of those things which I do in his infinite goodness has bestowed upon me while sojourning here upon Earth hereby revoking & annulling all other wills by me at any time made either written or verbal. & I first bequeath my body to the Ground with suitable interment of my soul to God who gave it the expenses of my burial to be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executor from my estate after my decease. 2^d I bequeath to my son John Murdock my tract of land wherein I now live with all the improvements arising or belonging thereto with this provision only that my wife Isabelle Murdock shall have her maintenance therefrom during her life. As also my daughter Nancy Murdock, Eliza Murdock, Rachael Murdock are to have an equal portion of the proceeds arising from my farm so long as they shall remain single & so long as they shall see proper to remain upon the premises but if they marry or shall leave the premises then their portion to be withheld from them & go to the exclusive benefit of my son John Murdock. 3^d After all my just debts are paid I bequeath to my children, John Murdock, Nancy Murdock, Eliza Murdock & Rachael Murdock an equal portion of whatever kind it may consist to be equally apportioned to them. 4th If my worthy Molly Murdock dies if living I would be ask her to her estate which consists principally of money but out on interest to Col. Jas. Caruthers & Major Wm. Caruthers of this County all of which I bequeath to my son John Murdock & my three daughters Nancy, Eliza & Rachael Murdock, who have faithfully waited on & attended to my said Molly Murdock during her old & infirm state to be equally divided among them at her decease. 5th I bequeath all the debts that may be owing to me at my decease to my son John Murdock And lastly I appoint my friend William B. Perry sole executor to this my last will & Testament. These things being done may my soul rest in peace.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord 1836

Signed & sealed & acknowledged
to be the last will & Testament
of the Testator in presence of us
Samuel Wakefield
Ezekiel Sanders

John Murdock
mark

proven at October Term 1836

Elizabeth Hughes Will.

I Elizabeth Hughes of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee being mindful of my mortality do this 23^d day of May in the year of our Lord 1836 make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following. I first give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Polly the rents & profits arising from my land for the present year also one cow & furniture & I further give & bequeath one cow one ewe. Also I give & bequeath to my eldest son Washington all my stock of hogs & one yearling calf. Also I give & bequeath to my second son Robert one yearling calf & two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my daughter Fannetta one head & furniture & two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my son Isaac two head of sheep. Also I give & bequeath to my youngest daughter Peggy one head & furniture & two head of sheep & I also desire that my land should be sold on a credit of one or two years and the money arising from the sale to be equally divided among all my children after paying all my just debts; And I do hereby constitute & appoint James Wilson sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day & year first above written

Test Joseph Henderson
Mathew Wilson
Washington Wilson

Elizabeth ^{her} Hughes
mark

John Murdock Will

I John Murdock of the County of Lincoln State of Tennessee do make for and in this my last will & Testament in order to dispose of those things which I do in his infinite goodness has bestowed upon me while sojourning here upon Earth hereby revoking & annulling all other wills by me at any time made either written or verbal. & I first bequeath my body to the Ground with suitable interment of my soul to God who gave it the expenses of my burial to be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executor from my estate after my decease. 2^d I bequeath to my son John Murdock my tract of land wherein I now live with all the improvements arising or belonging thereto with this provision only that my wife Isabelle Murdock shall have her maintenance therefrom during her life. As also my daughter Nancy Murdock, Eliza Murdock, Rachael Murdock are to have an equal portion of the proceeds arising from my farm so long as they shall remain single & so long as they shall see proper to remain upon the premises but if they marry or shall leave the premises then their portion to be withheld from them & go to the exclusive benefit of my son John Murdock. 3^d After all my just debts are paid I bequeath to my children, John Murdock, Nancy Murdock, Eliza Murdock & Rachael Murdock an equal portion of whatever kind it may consist to be equally apportioned to them. 4th If my worthy Molly Murdock dies if living I would be ask her to her estate which consists principally of money but out on interest to Col. Jas. Caruthers & Major Wm. Caruthers of this County all of which I bequeath to my son John Murdock & my three daughters Nancy, Eliza & Rachael Murdock, who have faithfully waited on & attended to my said Molly Murdock during her old & infirm state to be equally divided among them at her decease. 5th I bequeath all the debts that may be owing to me at my decease to my son John Murdock And lastly I appoint my friend William B. Perry sole executor to this my last will & Testament. These things being done may my soul rest in peace.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of August in the year of our Lord 1836

Signed & sealed & acknowledged
to be the last will & Testament
of the Testator in presence of us
Samuel Wakefield
Ezekiel Sanders

John ^{his} Murdock ^(C)
mark

proven at October Term 1836