

possession of until my heirs become of age if
there be any above family debt first and discharge
of debt if not I want an equal part to be taken
from all the other shares to make the above
sums of money for my daughter Eliza and Saml
P. I nominate and appoint my sons Samuel
Erving and Robert Erving executors of this my last
will and testament if they can manage the
Estate agreeable to all the heirs if not I want
them to choose three disinterested men to
make the division consistently in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal the day and date above mentioned
Test Joshua Erving SEAL

Zebulon Parr

John M Erving } proved Sept Term 1847-

^{State of}
Kinden County Tennessee in the name of God amen.
I Moses Stone being in a low state of health and knowing that
it is appointed for man to die do make this my last will
and testament making all others made by me heretofore
null & void my wish and desire is that all of my just debts shall be
paid out of my perishable property.
My wish and desire is that my wife Peggy Stone shall have keep
all my estate both real and personal in quiet possession during her natural
life or widow hood and to have the sole management of the same
and at her death or marriage for it to be equally divided between all
my children namely John Stone Peggy Stone James A. Stone Parthena
na Stone Calvin Stone Emily Stone Marianda Stone Moses Stone
and Emily Johnson daughters of all a little known deceased and to her surviving
husband Isaac Johnson I bequeath one twenty five cents and to Isaac Williams
who married my daughter Rebecca now deceased I also bequeath one
twenty five cents as witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 25th June one thousand eight hundred and forty
seven
A. S.
Moses Stone
James A. Stone
Emily Stone
Peggy Stone
John Stone
Calvin Stone
Marianda Stone
Moses Stone
Emily Johnson
Isaac Johnson
Isaac Williams
Recorded 11th Oct 1849

I John Crawford of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee
being in good health and of sound mind and memory do make
& publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and
making void all other wills by me at any time made to wit
first I bequeath my soul unto almighty God who gave it
secondly I direct that at my death that my farm and all
that pertains to it my dwelling house and in general all
my property except such as shall be otherwise disposed
of shall pass unto the hands of my wife Elizabeth to be
by her possessed and enjoyed during the time of her natural
life it is my will and desire that the farm and plantation
shall be managed and directed by her with the assistance
of my two sons John and Ezekiel who shall share in the
crop and produce of the farm in proportion to their
assistance they render in the same manner as they
may have done during my lifetime I further direct
that in order to enable them to carry on the farm there
shall be retained for that purpose all my horse hold
and Kitchen furniture & cooking utensils of every description
all my farming tools my waggon and two yoke of Oxen
four choice head of horses four white cows & calves and an
average of thirty head of hogs an average lot of twenty head
of sheep one set of Black Smith Tools and one year supply
of every kind of provision as meat corn fodder &c &c
I give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth for and during
the term of her natural life my three negro women Hannah
Marion and Peggy with all their increase my two negro men
Nelson and Cook provided they can be managed in the farm
but if they become unmanageable I direct my executor to
sell them & apply the proceeds to the purchase of other
farm hands to supply the place of the said Nelson & Cook
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Ezekiel a horse &
saddle each provided they shall not have yet
already received the same from me before my death
Fourthly I direct the whole of my personal property

and effects remaining after the reservation and bequest specified in the second and third sections above shall be sold by my executors in the manner prescribed by Law to the best bidder in a credit of twelve months with good security and I direct them to collect all debts due me as speedily as possible and out of the proceeds arising from such sales and collections I direct them to pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts and legal liabilities and after all these payments shall have been made if any balance remain I direct such balance to be equally divided between my wife Elizabeth and ^{the} three children in ^{their} lives viz Nancy John Elizabeth Margaret Esq. his Emily and Martha Lucinda

Fifthly should it so happen that my sons John and Esq. his or either of them should not think proper to comply with the arrangement stated above in regard to the management of the farm or should they not be able to keep it all in cultivation in such case I direct my executors to rent to good tenants such portion as shall thus be rejected so as keep the same in order & the farm in repair proceeds however my wife shall always retain during her natural life one third of the said land and also the dwelling house and all the other articles reserved to her use in the same with aforesaid

Sixthly at the death of my wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath to my sons John and Esq. his three hundred and two acres of land on the north side of my farm being part of my original purchase of three hundred and twelve acres and also one hundred and fifty of wood land on the north side of a hilly tract purchased of McCannells Estate the whole to be divided into two equal shares one for each so that each so that each shall have one half of the arable and each one half of the timber land the remaining portion of all my lands together with the negroes above bequeathed to my said wife during her life time and all other property of every description remaining after her death shall

be sold in the manner prescribed by Law and the proceeds after paying the necessary expenses and lawful debts of the Estate shall be divided among the heirs to be hereafter named in the manner following viz It is my desire to give to each of my children as nearly as may be a equal share but as I have above desired to John Esq. his to call one third of my landed property I think they ought not to receive any more and I therefore direct them to be left out of receiving any share in this division also some of my children viz ^{John} Esq. his and some in ^{their} lives have from time to time received various sums as follows viz Ray or his heirs \$807. (Mon. & 792). 00 James \$434. 75 Noami \$36. 00 John \$403. Nochi \$328. Nancy \$228. and Mary \$317. 50 Mary \$210 Margaret \$162 Elizabeth \$127 which amounts are charged to them severally in my book of account in making the division of said Estate that the amount which each child has hitherto received or shall have received before my death shall be retained & considered as part of his or her share of the proceeds of the Estate and shall be so accounted for at the time of the division so that each one of all my children excepting only John and Esq. his for the reason above given shall receive an equal share of the proceeds of the Estate but should it so happen that any one of the older children shall be found to have already received more than an equitable share he shall not be required to refund or pay back any thing only he shall not receive any more in this principal I direct the proceeds of my estate after the death of my wife ~~dividing~~ ^{giving} to John and Esq. his two thirds of the same only to be equally and equitably divided among my following named children viz Ray his William D James Noami Esq. his Nancy and John Mary Anna Margaret Elizabeth Emily and Martha Lucinda and Nochi

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint the following persons to wit Alexander McCannell of Fayetteville

William & Richard Esquire of Fayetteville and my son
 John Crawford executors to carry out the intentions
 of this my last will and Testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 seal this tenth day of January in the year of our
 Lord Eighteen hundred and forty seven
 John Crawford seal

Signed and sealed in presence of the undersigned
 witnesses the day and year above written
 W. H. C. Marshall
 Test J. A. Brown
 admitted to Record at Oct Term 1847

John Armstrong's Last Will & Testament

Lincoln County, Tenn all men by these presents
 know that I John Armstrong of the before
 named County and State do hereby bequeath
 and convey to my son Josiah R. Armstrong all of
 my estate real or personal that is to say one hundred
 and forty acres of land it being the tract when not
 near live together with all my stock of horses cattle
 sheep sheep household and kitchen furniture farming
 utensils blacksmith tools and wagon makers tools
 and all notes and accounts that is coming to me
 for the consideration that is to say
 1st about Eighty five dollars which I owe our kin
 2^d that he the said Josiah R. Armstrong pay all my
 just debts 3^d and that he provide for the support
 and comfort of his mother during her natural life
 and also to support and raise my four Grand children
 that is to say John Wesley Armstrong Jasper Hen
 ry Armstrong George Higgins and Sarah Jane
 Armstrong this I ever mean to have effect from
 and after my death and to be recorded and
 registered after my death as witness

my hand and seal this 24th day of December 1846.
 Witness
 J. L. Cole
 J. L. Cole
 John Armstrong seal
 found and admitted to Record Nov 1847

I Jesse Arcs of the County of Lincoln and State
 of Tennessee do make ordain and publish this
 as my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 and making void all others made by me at any
 heretofore are made and
 first I direct that all my debts and funeral
 expenses be paid as soon after my decease as
 possible out of any money that may come
 into the hands of my executor.
 Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Sarah Jane Arcs during her natural
 life or widowhood all my estate both
 real and personal so that she may be
 enabled to raise and educate our chil
 dren and as each of our children may
 come of age my desire is that she may
 at her option give to each such portion
 as she may think right and such portion
 to be charged by my executor to each and
 Thirdly, I direct that after the death of
 my wife all my estate both my real
 and personal property be sold the
 personal property or a credit of twelve
 months and my lands or a credit of
 one two and three years and the am
 ount of money arising from such sale
 equally divided between all my children
 taking into account what each may
 have had and if my wife should