

William Cowley's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I William Cowley of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being in body but of sound mind & memory, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die & being desirous to dispose of my worldly goods & effects to the best interest of my little family do make this my last will & testament. (W) Item 1st I give & bequeath to Gincy my beloved wife all my house hold & kitchen furniture also my barrel more saddle & bridle, one milk Cow & calf, one feather bed & furniture & then for her also to have an equal share of the balance of my estate with my other Children the natural heirs of my body, this is, my son Charly, Drury, George & my daughter Susan after all my just debts are paid, the balance of my property, not herein above mentioned I will & bequeath that it be sold on a credit of twelve months (except the bond & note due to me) out of which I will that all my just debts be paid and then an equal division of my effects to take place as above between my wife & children.

Item 2nd I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Gincy Cowley my executrix of this my last will & testament revoking all others given under my hand & seal this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty in presence of us.

Samuel Ramsay
J. Watkins

Witness my hand & seal
William Cowley

John Farrar's (last will)

In the name of God, Amen. I John Farrar of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, having attained a very advanced age and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being at this time through divine mercy of sound mind & memory; do make publish and declare this my last will & testament, to wit;

1st It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid.

2nd I give & bequeath the sum of one dollar each to my ten eldest children

of the following names, viz William, Robert, Mils, John, James, Mary, Sarah, Adam, Moses, Aaron & Franklin making in the whole ten dollars to be equally divided among them; my reason for not giving them more is because, I have already given them more than what I will be able to give to the rest of my Children which they have already heretofore had and received.

3rd I give & bequeath to my nine youngest Children of the following names, to wit, Francis, Lucy, Nathaniel, Joseph, Nancy, Daniel, David, Peter & Jane in equal proportions the whole of my worldly estate as well real as personal to be equally divided among them, after paying the aforesaid sum of ten dollars to my ten eldest Children as heretofore provided for. My estate hereby given and intended to be given unto my nine youngest Children consists of the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred and sixty eight acres, one negro girl slave named Esther now about seven years of age together with the whole of my stock of horses Cattle & hogs, farming tools household & kitchen furniture and all other rights & credits reserving unto my well beloved wife, Elizabeth Farrar the free use & possession of the whole of the aforesaid land & other property for and during the term of her natural life, for the purpose of enabling her to raise and educate our infant family, the distribution aforesaid not to take place untill after her death provided that she shall always remain in widowhood after my decease.

4th After my death my said wife Elizabeth Farrar should continue Matrimony it is my will & desire, and I do hereby give and bequeath unto her an equal part with each of my aforesaid nine youngest Children equal to one tenth part of my aforesaid estate hereby given to them, which said tenth part she is to have and retain for her own proper use & benefit and remain at her own disposal forever; and the whole balance of property, rights & credits to pass into the hands of my other executors herein after named to be by them distributed agreeably to the provisions aforesaid to my nine youngest Children according to law.

5th I do hereby nominate & appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth Farrar and my trusty friends William Shipps & Joel Pinson Executors and

executors of this my last will and testament; and I do hereby revoke and declare null and void all former wills and I do further declare that any changes that may hereafter take place in my property in my life time shall not effect the validity of this my will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of February 1826. John Farrar

Wt. David Cowan
Lewis Shipp
Charles Williams
Eli Cole

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County

Pravell Garner Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the foregoing last will & testament of John Farrar was presented in open Court for probate whereupon Caines Lewis Shipp & Eli Cole two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and being duly sworn state that they saw John Farrar sign the same and heard him declare it to be his last will & testament at which time they believe he was of sound mind and memory. Given under my hand this 19th day of July A.D. 1826

Brew M. Garner Clerk
By C. Payles D.C.

Recorded 8th October 1826

John Dodd's will.

I John Dodd of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being of sound mind but under the affliction of providence, and well knowing the uncertainty of life; do make this my last will and testament as follows that is to say; Whereas on or about the year 1816 I agreed to furnish my son Samuel Dodd with money for the purpose of purchasing land for me and whereas in pursuance of such agreement I have at various times heretofore furnished and advanced to my said son for the purpose aforesaid the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars in money & other property and whereas my said son Samuel Dodd did in the year 1818 lay out and invest the said sum of money in a tract of land one son & pigs & sea head of stock sheep which he is to have

situate lying & being in the County of Lincoln it being the same tract of land whereon the said Samuel now lives, which said tract was purchased by my said son in his own name, and Conveyances therefor was executed to him in his own name, and for his own proper use, and without supposing that it was to be held in trust for me or was purchased for my use although the purchase money or the principal part thereof, to wit the said sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars was advanced by me as aforesaid, and by reason that the aforesaid sum of money was advanced with a view of purchasing land for myself I have neglected and failed to take from my son Samuel, a receipt note, bond or other writing evidencing the advancement thereof by me as aforesaid, and I have no written evidence showing the advancement of the said sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars to my son Samuel or any portion thereof, except one note or bond now in the hands of my relation Ebenezer McGowan which note was executed to me by my son Samuel for the sum of four hundred dollars for and in consideration of so much money by me advanced to my son Samuel and constitutes part of the said sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars, which I advanced for the purchase of land as aforesaid. Now therefore I do give devise & bequeath to my son Samuel Dodd all & singular the tract of land & premises situate lying & being in the County of Lincoln and now in the possession and occupation of the said Samuel or so much thereof as was purchased by the said Samuel with the said sum of \$2800 advanced by me as aforesaid. To have & to hold all & singular the said tract of land unto & to the use of the said Samuel Dodd and his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Chira Dodd the sum of five hundred dollars in Cash to be paid to her within ten days after my death by my son Samuel Dodd out of the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars so advanced by me to him as aforesaid.

Item I will and direct that my son Samuel Dodd out of the issue and profits of the land so devised to him as aforesaid shall well amply & sufficiently support and maintain my wife Margaret Dodd and my son Eli Mitten Dodd respectively during their natural lives and in the event that my wife should die or live separate and apart from my son or should she be destitute