

Cyrus Bathy's Last Will

I Cyrus Bathy 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 executor and executor herein after mentioned out of the proceeds of notes and other claims on hand which may be due me but should said notes run up, thus 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 and other expenses.

2nd All the balance of my Estate both real and personal of every description. I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Nancy Bathy 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. H., Mary C., Sarah M., George J. and John S. Bathy.

3rd But should my said wife Nancy Bathy 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 Bathy and our 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 Bathy 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 Bathy and my brother Alexander Bathy my

Executors

Executor and Executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of September 1842

Cyrus Bathy (Sd)
The above will was executed in our presence by Cyrus Bathy and in presence of each of us John Wood, Wm McKinney.
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 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. B. Bunker & John Bunker executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December 1842

Attest

S. G. Little

William M. Smith

William A. Griffis

Proven at the February Term 1843 of the Lincoln County Court

John O. Griffis (Sd)

George Martin's Last Will

In the name of God Amen I George Martin of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being in advanced age and laboring under great bodily infirmity in view of the approaching dissolution do make, publish and declare my last will and testament as follows (wills)

First I give and bequeath to my two sons the George Martin and William J. H. Martin and their heirs and assigns my tract of land on which I live at this time in said Lincoln County, supposed to contain one hundred and forty eight acres, value at twenty hundred and seventy five dollars being eight hundred and eighty eight dollars to each one

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. A. Martin during her life and at her death to her children the heirs of her body my negro boy Jacob valued at seven hundred dollars

Third I give and bequeath to my daughter Belia Ann Martin my negro boy named Henry valued at ten hundred and fifty dollars

Fourth I give and bequeath to my grand children Ann Eliza, Mary, Catharine, Francis, Virginia and two infants twins in all five the children of my son C. H. V. Martin recently deceased my two negro boys named Titus and Lewis valued at five hundred and fifty dollars

Fifth I give and bequeath to my son Robert Martin my negroes Dick, Lydia, James, Benjamin and Anthony valued at eight hundred and fifty dollars

In order to make the legacy to each of my children above named equal, it is my will and desire that my son St. George pay over to Martha J. A. Martin fifty four dollars and thirty three cents and to my daughter Belia Ann Martin twenty nine dollars and thirty three cents and that my son William J. H. Martin pay over to the children of my son C. H. V. Martin above named one hundred and thirty three dollars and sixty six cents and that my son Robert Martin pay over to my daughter Belia Ann Martin twenty five dollars also that my son Robert Martin pay over to the children of my son C. H. V. Martin before designated seventy dollars and twenty six cents

I have therefore given to my daughter Mary V. Houston and to my daughter Elizabeth M. L. Prouty each property which I consider equal in value to the property herein bequeathed to my other children respectively

I constitute and appoint my sons St. George Martin and William J. H. Martin Executors of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 11th day of November 1840

Geo. Martin

George Martin, signed, sealed, published and declared the above as foregoing to be his last will and testament and also acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained all of which was done by the said George Martin in our presence the day the same bears date

Geo. W. Jones

Samuel Rice

Proven at the March Term 1841 of the Lincoln County Court

Thomas Storro's Last will

I Thomas Storro of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln being weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament I give unto my son John Storro the tract of land on which I live containing forty acres my reason for giving my land to my son John to the exclusion of my other children is because he has always lived with me and is not calculated to make a living in the world as my other children and I therefore appoint my friend George Rinegar to be guardian for my son John and he is hereby empowered to rent or sell said land or use it as he in his judgment may think best for the benefit of John I give unto my wife Nancy all the balance of my property of every description after my debts and funeral expenses are paid and I hereby appoint my friend Emma Wilson to be my Executor to see that this will is carried into effect

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of this 12th day of May 1841

John D. Whitaker
Emma Wilson
George Rinegar

myself his
Thomas Storro
witness