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# Elizabeth Houghay Will

I Elizabeth Houghay of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee being mindful of my mortality do this 23<sup>d</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1836 make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following. First I give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Polly the rents & profit arising from my land for the present year also one cow & furniture & I further give & bequeath one cow one Calf 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 <sup>her</sup> Houghay  
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# John Murdock's Will

I John Murdock of the County of Lincoln State of Tennessee do make & publish this my last will & Testament in order to dispose of those things which God 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. 1<sup>st</sup> I 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<sup>nd</sup> 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 me & her heirs 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<sup>rd</sup> After all my just debts are paid I bequeath to my children, John Murdock, Nancy Murdock, Eliza Murdock & Rachael Murdock among personal estate of whatsoever kind it may consist to be equally apportioned to them. 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>which</sup> my wife Molly Murdock dies if living I would be sole heir 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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  
 Eskeil Sanders

John <sup>his</sup> Murdock   
 mark

proven at October Term 1836