

John Rhea's Will

John Rhea of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee do make
 & publish the following as my last will & testament.

It is my will & desire that my last debts (which I have taken
 especial care shall be put in number & small in amount) shall be paid
 & paid out of my personal estate as speedily as possible.

Second. I give & devise to my son William B. Rhea all that part of
 my tract of land with its appurtenances situate in said County of
 Lincoln lying on the waters of Morris' Creek & bounded as follows
 to wit, Beginning in the east boundary of my said tract of land
 twenty poles south of a dry branch or creek which runs through
 old Mr. Shaws land from thence to run a direct line westwardly
 down said branch or creek & parallel with the general course
 thereof so far that by running northwardly will run with the direction
 of the east line of the fence of the large field next to & adjoining
 Mrs. Moffetts farm to where a cross fence joins the same, thence
 westwardly to a cherry tree lately marked T.R. thence due north
 to William Moffetts line thence with his line east to my north east
 corner thence south with my east boundary line to the beginning I
 also give & bequeath to my son W. B. Rhea a negro boy now in
 his possession named Isaac.

Third. I give & devise to my beloved wife Sally Rhea the use of my dwelling house
 with all the buildings & appurtenances thereto belonging together with all that
 part of my tract of land lying east of main Morris Creek not devised
 to William B. Rhea which said tract of land embraces my said dwelling
 house & out houses during her natural life. It is further my will
 & desire that the profits & benefits arising from my farm be devised to
 my wife Sally Rhea shall go to the support & maintenance of her
 & my three children namely Mary B. Rhea, Susan M. Rhea & Brin
 M. Rhea so long as they shall remain with their mother in the same
 manner as if I were living. It is also my will & desire that after my
 said son Brin M. Rhea shall arrive at the age of twenty one years
 provided he shall not marry before that period that he still remain
 with his mother if she should then be living and aid & assist her in
 carrying on the farm; but if my said son should be desirous he may
 at his option have & occupy all my said farm except a fifteen acre

field in the forks of the Creek of a twenty acre field adjoining Mr. Solomon's farm
 (now called the cotton field) which is set apart for my wife Sally Rhea during
 her natural life together with the orchard & orchard field with all the
 on said farm.

It is also my will & desire that my grand daughter
 Frances E. Smith shall remain with her grand mother & be supported & maintained from
 the proceeds of the farm but in case her father should take her away then that
 support & maintenance to cease. I also give & devise to my wife Sally Rhea
 during her natural life or until my son Brin M. Rhea shall arrive at
 age, the following negroes, to wit, Harry, Lewis, Manuel, Grace & his child
 Chaney & his increase who are to remain & be kept on the farm or hired
 out as my said wife shall think best & the profits & benefits arising
 from said negroes are in like manner to go to the maintenance of my
 said wife & Mary B. Rhea Susan M. Rhea & my grand daughter
 Frances E. Smith. I further give & bequeath to my wife Sally Rhea all my
 stock of every description & my farming utensils household & kitchen
 furniture of every description with full power & authority to give
 devise & convey such part thereof to such of my children as she may
 think proper, or to sell & dispose of the same or any part thereof
 for her or their benefit.

Fourth. I give & devise to my son Brin M. Rhea all that part of my
 tract of land lying on the east side of main Morris Creek & not devised
 to William B. Rhea subject nevertheless to the life estate of my wife as
 herein before stated.

Fifth. It is my will & desire that all that part of my tract of land lying
 on the west side of Morris Creek be sold upon a credit of one & two
 years or rounded out & the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between
 my daughter Allamira now for her use & her children by James Brown
 Sally Ann Mayles, Mary B. Rhea & Susan M. Rhea.

Sixth. I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary B. Rhea my negro boy
 Ned & Tom.

Seventh. I give & bequeath to my daughter Susan M. Rhea my negro boy
 named Robert & negro girl named Nancy. It is my will
 & desire that the before named negroes Ned & Tom & Robert &
 Nancy remain with my wife Sally & be under her control & manage-
 = ment during her natural life or until my said daughter, Mary
 B. & Susan M. shall marry & then said negroes to be delivered over

to them respectively. I also give & bequeath to my daughter Susan
 Rhia a young boy more I got from Josiah Burrow.
 I give & bequeath to my son Pleasant N. Rhia a negro
 boy named Peter.
 I give & bequeath to my daughter Allamira Brown & her children
 by James Brown a negro boy named Caswell.
 I give & bequeath to my son Oliver M. Rhia my Negroe
 man named Harry & allanceil, which negroes it is my will he shall
 have possession of at the death of my wife, or at his arriving at
 the age of twenty one years.
 I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally Ann Boyles a Negroe
 woman named Harriot & her child named Walker & his increase.
 I give & bequeath to my two Grand Children Rufus N. Smith
 & Francis E. Smith a negro girl named Mary & her child Dorcas
 & their increase to remain in possession of my wife & be under her
 controul & management during her life or untill they shall
 arrive at the age of twenty one years to be hired out or remain
 on the farm & to be under her controul & management & at her
 death if they or either of them should be living my son William
 shall have & take charge & management of said negroes.
 I give to my son M^r Rhia my blacksmith tools.
 I give & bequeath to my Grand Children Rufus N. & Francis E. Smith
 one hundred dollars each to be loaned out upon interest and
 the same applied to their schooling & other necessary expenses and
 the principal paid over to them as they shall severally arrive
 at the age of twenty one years. I give & bequeath to my
 daughter Mary D. Rhia my negro boy named Ransom I
 also give her my Horn Horse called Blue Skin. I give &
 bequeath to my daughter Susan M. Rhia my negro boy
 named Isaac. I give & bequeath to my daughter
 Allamira three hundred dollars to be held & paid over by my
 executor as she may need it. It is my will that the
 grain & forage now on hand remains & be for the use
 of the family. upon the death of my wife it is my will
 that the four following negroes be equally divided between
 my sons, Pleasant N. W^m Rhia Oliver M. Rhia & my daughters

Mary D. Susan M. Sally Ann, & Allamira & my Grand Children
 Rufus N. & Francis E. Smith that portion of said Allamira to
 use & benefit & her children by James Brown, to wit, Lewis, George, Anne
 & Chancy & the increase of any. I give to my son Oliver M. Rhia my share
 due from Henderson Robertson. I give to my daughter one
 hundred dollars due from Joseph Thistle. I give to my
 daughter Sally Ann Boyles one hundred dollars due from James
 McCollier. I give to my daughter Susan one hundred dollars
 due from Joseph Miller. I give to my wife Sally Rhia
 five hundred dollars. It is my will that the residue of my
 money, notes & all property or thing not herein before specially
 disposed of be converted into money & the same placed in subsh
 as my Executor shall think best & the principal & interest to be
 equally divided among all my children at such time & upon such
 sums as my said Executor shall think best for the interest &
 benefit of my said children. I hereby nominate & appoint
 James Bright Executor of this my last will & Testament record-
 ing all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29 day of December 1838
 Signed sealed & published in our presence
 Andrew Buchanan
 Hugh Shaw
 Charles McHenry

This will was proved at the March Term 1839 of the
 County Court.