

4. Hannah Colter, have fifty dollars each, to be paid out of my money that is owing to me & my household furniture to be equally divided amongst my said four daughters. And it is my will that my beloved daughter Mary Clayton have thirty dollars paid out of my money, that is owing to me. It is also my will that my beloved son John have thirty dollars to be equally divided amongst them, to me paid out of my money that is owing to me. It is also my will that my beloved son Amos have my free girl Malinda, and all her increase if ever she has any. It is also that at my decease that my beloved sons Lape & John have all the balance of my estate equally divided between them. I do also appoint my beloved sons Lape & Amos executors of this my last will & testament. I do also certify & confirm this my last will & testament, ^{receding} ~~receding~~ all other wills heretofore by me made, be witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th day of October on this day eight hundred & twenty one.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us this
Morgan & Davis mark
Abraham Summers &

Jacob Allright

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court April Term 1831

I Price & Harner Clerk of the Court aforesaid, do certify that the due execution of the foregoing will of Morgan Davis was proven in open Court by the oaths of Abraham Summers & Jacob Allright who say they read the said Morgan Davis acknowledge this to be his last will & testament & they believed at the time of signing sealing & publishing the same, he was of sound mind & memory which is ordered to be recorded & certified. Recorded April 2^d 1831.
Price & Harner Clk.

John Ropson

Last will & testament

In the name of God Amen this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and twenty five, I John Ropson of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee, being weak in Body but of sound & perfect mind & memory & calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life

and that all flesh must yield to death, whenever it shall please God to call, I do make, ordain, constitute, & declare, this my last will & testament, revoking all other wills or wills heretofore by me made, or declared, & this only to be taken for my last will. And now for the settling of my temporal estate, first that all my just debts, be paid by my executors in convenient time after my decease, I order, give & dispose of the same in manner & form, following to wit, I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Bethany Ropson three negroes to wit, Philip & Ruth her wife & George, and all or so much of the household or kitchen furniture as she shall think proper for her own use, also all the stock of every description, & the plantation utensils, during her life or widowhood first divided nevertheless that if she do come to give away any of the property in her last lifetime that the same be equally divided, amongst my six children hereafter named, and all the property not specially named to the legacies in this will, is at my death & the death of my wife, then to be equally dividing ded amongst my six children to wit, Sarah & Bagley wife of Nathan & Bagley & Joseph Ropson, William Ropson & Michael Cook, wife of Isaac & Manie Short Short, & Henry B Ropson, & Candice Short wife of John Short, item I give to my daughter Sarah & Bagley one negro boy named Anthony, I give & bequeath to my son Joseph one negro girl named Nancy I give & bequeath to my son William Ropson, one negro boy named Wright I give & bequeath to my daughter Michael Cook one negro boy named Philip, I give & bequeath to my son Henry B Ropson one girl named Nelly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Candice Short, one negro boy named Miller, I give & bequeath to my granddaughter Stateda Le Masters, one negro girl named Mary to her, & her heirs forever. Nevertheless if she said Stateda should die without heirs, then the said negro girl Mary is to return to my children, to be equally divided amongst my six children above named. Also I give & bequeath to the said Stateda Le Masters, one horse bridle & one saddle one Bed & furniture & Bedstead, one Cow & calf one ewe & lamb, & also the land on which I now live I give & bequeath to my two sons John & Henry B Ropson, one hundred acres each, to be divided by a line beginning in the middle of the east North boundary line, & running due south to the ^{middle of the} south boundary line, William Ropson to have the west end, & Henry B Ropson to have the east end, it is also my will that the three negroes named in the foregoing of the will for the support

for the support of my wife & self during our lives I am give and
I request that my three daughters have each one, Sarah & Bagg
Michael Cook. & Candace each of which negroes is to be
valued, so that each one's part shall be equal & the remaining
negro or negroes, if that should be the case, are to be valued as well
also all the household & kitchen furniture & all the stock of any
description with plantation utensils, are all to be valued or valued by
Executors hereafter named shall think best, and the whole amount arising
therefrom to be equally divided amongst my six children above named
to wit, Sarah & Bagg Joseph Roper William, Michael Cook Henry
B Roper & Candace. I also constitute, ordain & appoint my three
sons, Joseph Roper, William Roper & Henry B Roper executors to
this my last will & testament, making & annulling all other wills or wills
heretofore by me made and then my executors are to execute & perform
all things according to the true intent & meaning, herein contained
Signed & declared in presence of
Niles M. Ellsland &
William Cowden &
John Cowden.

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County Court
I Price M. Garner clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for
said County do Certify the foregoing will of John Roper was proven
in open Court by the oaths of Niles M. Ellsland & William Cowden
who saw they heard the said John Roper acknowledge this to be his
last will & testament & they believe that at the time of signing said
I declaring the same he was of sound mind & memory all of
which is ordered to be recorded & Certified Recorded 3^d Sept 1831
Price M. Garner Clerk.

last will & testament

Sarah Stewart's last will & testament

In the name of God Amen
I Sarah Stewart, at present
of Lincoln County, and State
of Tennessee. Considering the uncertainty of life, and wishing
to dispose of my worldly goods and estate in a just and right
manner, do hereby make this my last will and testament
and revoking all others by me heretofore made first after all my
just debts are paid, it is my will, that all the property should
remain undivided, and kept for the use of the Children, and
Sarah the Children to keep home as long, as they see proper,
or as long as the youngest Child should come of age
and then Mary M Stewart, is to have fifty dollars more
than the rest of the Children, to her part of the property,
and then the property is to be equally divided between
Mary M Stewart and the rest of the Children. But if Mary
M Stewart should marry, I wish the property to be divided
at that time as above mentioned. At the same time I do
make or appoint, John M Allen, of the same County, for Execu-
tor, of this my last will and testament, to which I have
hereunto set my hand, and seal or caused the same to be
done, this 16th February, 1832
Signed and sealed in the presence of Sarah + Stewart
as attested,
Sarah Roughton
Isaac S Roughton

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court April Term 1832

The last will and testament of Sarah Stewart was this day
exhibited in open Court for probate, whereupon Cam Josiah
Roughton and Isaac S Roughton, the subscribing witnesses
thereunto, who being first duly sworn agreed to lawfully say they heard
the aforementioned Sarah Stewart, acknowledge the will of which
the foregoing is a copy to be her last will and testament, and that she
was at the time of publishing saying signing and declaring the same
sound mind & memory, which is ordered to be so Certified whereupon Cam
Allen the executor named in the will who entered in Bond with security
and took the oath of law prescribed, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
this 16th April 1832 Price M. Garner Clerk By Peter B. Garner Secy
during life, then to the lawful heirs of her body