

Hiram Culberson Will

I Hiram Culberson of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee do make & publish this my last will & testament. & first I desire that my body be decently interred. And as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First I desire that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible also I desire that my wife Nancy Culberson shall have & hold all my property for the support of herself & children during her natural life or widowhood. also wish as soon as it is or may be thought best by my Executors & Executors that they shall dispose of so much of my property as they think can well be spared & appropriate the money with the money in hand to the following uses, viz. in buying a tract of land which land shall remain in the hands of my wife Nancy during her natural life or widowhood then to be equally divided or sold & the proceeds equally divided between all my children viz. Parthena, Abi, James S. William C. Mary Ann, Thomas Sarah E. Hiram F. L. Culberson my two eldest sons have had a horse saddle & bridle, & as soon as the balance come of or so soon as they may need it I wish them to have one each of them of equal value. After the death or marriage of my wife then I want all my property that is in hand now with its proceeds & what may come into her hands as a legacy to me to be equally divided between all my children as aforesaid & I do hereby ordain & appoint my wife Nancy Culberson, James S. & Wm C. Culberson Executors & Exors of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I Hiram Culberson the Testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand & seal this 28 April 1836. Hiram Culberson

signed sealed & delivered in presence of us this day & date above written.

Lease Holbert. Morgan Holbert.

I wish all this business to be transacted without any security or responsibility on any one of the Executors.

I also request that D. Hightower be called on by my Ex^{rs} or Ex^{ors} for any advice or assistance they may need from him & my request is that he do lend them all the aid & assistance in his power without the responsibility of an Executor. Hiram Culberson

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Proven at September Term 1837. Copy

Margaret McCoy's Will

In the name of God. Amen. I Margaret McCoy of Lincoln County, State of Tennessee. Having attained to advanced age and being weak in body, but through the mercy of God of sound mind & memory. do make ordain publish & declare this my last will & testament revoking all others, that is to say, First. It is my will & desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid. 2^d I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Candice Selina McCoy my negroe woman Dick aged about 50 years also one bedstead & furniture also one wearing husband & increased from this time. 3^d I give & bequeath to my children, namely Spruce St. McCoy, David Billings, Samuel Williams & Elizabeth Wilson the whole of the balance of my property including my tract of land & negroe man Harry & all other description of property to be sold & the proceeds equally divided between them. It is also my desire that my friend John C. Day, Esq. should enter in as my Executor & dispose of the property agreeable as set forth above.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14th day of May 1837.

signed sealed in presence of
Fra M. Stoney
John Wood

Margaret McCoy

The foregoing will proved at Sept Term 1837.