

Samuel Robbins's last will

I Samuel Robbins of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee having attained to advanced age and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, and being by the blessing of God of sound mind & memory do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament in form following that is to say.

First. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid for which purpose I direct the sale of such property as can be most conveniently spared not otherwise disposed of.

2^d I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife ~~Salannah~~ Salannah Robbins six negro slaves, Towd, my negro woman Patsy now about thirty six years of age together with five of her children. Ernest Sam about twelve years old, Eliza about seven, Ethelbert about five Marcus about three and Alfred about one year old. And also if the said Patsy should become the mother of other children such child or children I also give to my said wife he will to be absolute including the right to sell and dispose of said slaves to her will and pleasure.

3^d I give to my son John Robbins two hundred and fifty dollars. I also give to my said son John Robbins three negroes, Towd, George & Ellis about sixteen years old Matilda about two years old. Lastly I give and bequeath to the said John Robbins the half of the plantation on which I now reside. And to the children of my deceased the Consort of Samuel Hall seven hundred and fifty dollars which said sums of money are to be paid so soon as the same can be collected out of such cash notes or money due for the

Given at my dwelling place the 10th day of March 1850

land purchased of John Braakensideys.
4th I give to my wife the said Salannah Robbins for and during her natural life the use of my land and plantation whereon I now live with all the issues and profits thereof including my household and kitchen furniture together with two work horses and farming tools, three cows and calves the choice of my stock and the whole of my stock of other descriptions.

5th All the balance of my estate both real and personal not otherwise disposed of including the accessory property set apart for the use of my wife I give to my son John Robbins and to my daughter Elizabeth Pindon and to the heirs of my deceased daughter Consort of Samuel Hall to be equally divided between them and their heirs hereby intending that the plantation on which I now reside to be equally divided between my son John Robbins and Elizabeth Pindon with all the improvements thereon, the balance to be equally divided between the three, John, Elizabeth, and the heirs of my deceased daughter Consort of Samuel Hall together with all property which I may hereafter acquire, including all receipts and credits of every description which may remain at death.

6th Any and all property by me heretofore given and advanced to any of my children or which I may heretofore give or advance to any in my lifetime, is and will be intended as a gift and no child or children shall be required to refund or account for such advance but the balance shall be disposed of under this my last will and testament in the same manner as if no such advance had been made.

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7th I hereby revoke all former wills and request that this my last will be faithfully executed according to the true intention and meaning thereof without the intervention or appointment of Executors or administrators, but should the same become necessary I leave them to be appointed by the Courts of the Country. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th of December 1839. Signed sealed published & declared in presence of

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Ezekiel Sanders
J. M. Harper
Proven at the Term 1840 of the
Lincoln County Court.
Recorded 8th October 1841

Martha Shwings last will.

I Martha Shwing of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, do make and publish the following as my last will and testament.

First. It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as speedily as possible out of my personal property.

Second. I give and bequeath to Mrs Mary E. Wheeler wife of David Wheeler and her children all the residue of my personal property of every description to be exclusively for the use and benefit of her and her children and not to be subject to the payment of said David Wheeler's debts.

Third. I give and devise to the said Mary E. Wheeler during her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst her children the tract

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of land whereon I now live with all the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining together with all the profits and benefits arising therefrom to be for the sole use and benefit of her and her children and not to be subject in any manner to the payment of said David Wheeler's debts, nor to be subject to his control even in his lifetime but the same shall remain to the said Mary E. for her sole and separate use so that she was unmarried and shall in no wise be subject to the control or debts.

It is further my will that five acres of my land be set apart for my faithful old servant Peter to be laid off in some convenient parts of the tract so as to have firewood and timber to fence it, which he is to have and enjoy during his natural life, and then to remain with the balance of the tract. I also give to said Peter my Carpenter's tools. It is my will and desire that the best of my clothing and trinkets and jewelry be sent to my grand children and equally divided amongst them.

I nominate and appoint James Knight sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of January 1840. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Martha Shwing

Elisha Ramsey. Elisha Rayley.

For good and sufficient reasons I make the following alteration in my last will and testament, as within set forth, that is to say, that instead of devising my land to Mary E. Wheeler during her natural life, and then to her children