

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 house 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 attest,

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, when upon 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 when upon Cam. Josiah
Allen the executor named in the will who entered in Bond with security & he
and took the oath by law prescribed, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
this 16th April 1832 Price M. Garner Clerk

and during life, then to the lawful heirs of her body