

William Cowley's Will.

In the name of God Amen. I William Cowley of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being in body but of sound mind & memory, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die & being desirous to dispose of my worldly goods & effects to the best interest of my little family do make this my last will & testament. (W) Item 1st I give & bequeath to Gincy my beloved wife all my house hold & kitchen furniture also my barrel more saddle & bridle, one milk Cow & calf, one feather bed & furniture & them for her also to have an equal share of the balance of my estate with my other Children the natural heirs of my body, this is, my son Charly, Drury, George & my daughter Susan after all my just debts are paid, the balance of my property, not herein above mentioned I will & bequeath that it be sold on a credit of twelve months (except the bond & note due to me) out of which I will that all my just debts be paid and then an equal division of my effects to take place as above between my wife & children.

Item 2nd I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Gincy Cowley my executrix of this my last will & testament revoking all others given under my hand & seal this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty in presence of us.

Samuel Ramsay
J. Watkins

Witness my hand & seal
William Cowley

John Farrar's (last will)

In the name of God, Amen. I John Farrar of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, having attained a very advanced age and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being at this time through divine mercy of sound mind & memory; do make publish and declare this my last will & testament, to wit;

1st It is my will & desire that all my just debts be paid.

2nd I give & bequeath the sum of one dollar each to my ten eldest children

of the following names, viz William, Robert, Mils, John, James, Mary, Sarah, Adam, Moses, Aaron & Franklin making in the whole ten dollars to be equally divided among them; my reason for not giving them more is because, I have already given them more than what I will be able to give to the rest of my Children which they have already heretofore had and received.

3rd I give & bequeath to my nine youngest Children of the following names, to wit, Francis, Lucy, Nathaniel, Joseph, Nancy, Daniel, David, Peter & Jane in equal proportions the whole of my worldly estate as well real as personal to be equally divided among them, after paying the aforesaid sum of ten dollars to my ten eldest Children as heretofore provided for. My estate hereby given and intended to be given unto my nine youngest Children consists of the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred and sixty eight acres, one negro girl slave named Esther now about seven years of age together with the whole of my stock of horses Cattle & hogs, farming tools household & kitchen furniture, and all other rights & credits - reserving unto my well beloved wife, Elizabeth Farrar the free use & possession of the whole of the aforesaid land & other property for and during the term of her natural life, for the purpose of enabling her to raise and educate our infant family, the distribution aforesaid not to take place untill after her death provided that she shall always remain in widowhood after my decease.

4th After my death my said wife Elizabeth Farrar should continue matrimony it is my will & desire, and I do hereby give and bequeath unto her an equal part with each of my aforesaid nine youngest Children equal to one tenth part of my aforesaid estate hereby given to them, which said tenth part she is to have and retain for her own proper use & benefit and remain at her own disposal forever; and the whole balance of property, rights & credits to pass into the hands of my other executors herein after named to be by them distributed agreeably to the provisions aforesaid to my nine youngest Children according to law.

5th I do hereby nominate & appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth Farrar and my trusty friends William Shipps & Joel Pinson Executors and