

into the hands of Executors thirdly I Give and Bequeath
to my Beloved wife Margaret all my estate both real and
personal to be hers during her natural life except my
Negro Girl Mary Jane which I Give to my first
Daughter Sarah Anna Wiley and at my Wifes death
said ~~estate~~ my Land to be sold and the Proceeds to be apportioned
one half to the foreign Mission at Demasceus and the other
half to the benefit of the Bible Society in my own County
and as it further respects my Personal Property and all my
Cash or Notes I leave to be disposed of by my Wif as she may
think best Except so much of the same as may be
sufficient to Coat a decent Tomb over my own and her
Graves and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
Robert Osborn and John Laughran Sole Executors of this
my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 36 day of
November Eighteen hundred and fifty five

William Givens *(Seal)*

Signed sealed and published in our presence
and we have hereunto signed our names in
the presence and at the request of the Testator
the day date above written

Teste

Thomas Laughran

John Laughran

J. W. Wilson

I, Elijah M. Mingo of Lincoln County State
of Tennessee being of sound mind disposing my mind
missionary and understanding do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all other Wills by me heretofore made

First I Will that all my just debts be paid out of such
portions of my estate as shall best comport with the
sound discretion of my Executors herein after
named

Second After the payment of my debts as aforesaid
I hereby devise all my real estate to my beloved
Wife Elzira Mingo subject to the exception herein
after named, to be held and enjoyed by her during
her natural life and after her death it is

my Will that the same be equally divided among my
Children the part falling to my daughter Mary Devall to be
to her sole and separate use during her natural life and after
her death to be equally divided among her children

Third I further bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elzira all my
personal estate of every name kind and description
remaining after the payment of my debts as aforesaid by her
to be enjoyed during her natural life but if she should so desire
during her lifetime she may divide such portion of my slaves
and other personal estate as she may think proper among my
Children as near equally as possible and in giving to my
Children any portion of said personal property it is my pleasure
that she first obtain the opinion of two competent persons as to
the reasonable Cash value of said property & charge each child
with what he or she may receive in accordance with said
valuation to the part to my daughter Mary to be to her sole
and separate use during her natural life and after her death
to be equally divided among her Children and it is my Will that
upon the death of my wife all my personal estate be divided
equally among my Children the part to my said daughter Mary
to be to her sole and separate use during her natural life and after
her death to be equally divided among her Children

Fourth as it is my Will and desire that my slaves should
not be sold but remain among my family I therefore
Will that after the death of my Wife my Children and the
Children of any of my Children who may die in the mean
time shall select three disinterested persons to value and sell
such of said slaves as may then be remaining should
my said wife not divide all said slaves during her
lifetime as herein before provided as near equally as
possible the part allotted to my said daughter Mary to be
to her sole and separate use during her natural life
and after her death to be equally divided among her Children
in all cases in the division of my real and personal prop-
erty if any of my Children shall be dead then the Child-
ren of such deceased Child or Children to take the part they
would have taken if the parent were to have taken of living

Fifth I am now advancing to my son Joseph
money to obtain a Collegiate Education and I am
keeping an account of the same and as I may
advise to my other Children

204 The last will and Testament of Allen Stubblefield
of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee
I Allen Stubblefield considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life and being of sound mind and
memory do make and publish this my last will and
Testament in manner and form following that is to say
1st That all my debts and funeral expenses be paid
2nd I Give unto my son Joel Stubblefield my rifle Gun
3rd I Give unto my Daughter Sarah J. Stubblefield the
Side Saddle that belonged to her Mother 4th I Give unto
my son Lewis Williams Joel & Young each the Saddle
that now claim 5th I Give unto my two youngest
Daughters Milly, Lavinia & Hannah each two turned posts
Bedsteads also the beds on them 6th I Give unto my three
Daughters Sarah J. Mary M. & Elizabeth C. Stubblefield my other
three beds 7th I Give unto my five youngest Daughters all
my bed Clothing to be equally divided among them
8th I desire and will that all the ~~ornaments~~ ^{contents} of my personal
and real estate not above bequeathed be sold as soon after my
decease as practicable and equally divided between my Children
William Stubblefield Nancy Solomon Joel Stubblefield Young
Stubblefield Sarah J. Stubblefield Mary M. Stubblefield Elizabeth
C. Stubblefield Milly J. Stubblefield and Hannah C. Stubblefield
my personal estate to be sold on a credit of twelve months
and purchase to give bond with two good securities my two
tracts of land to be run out by some good surveyor and
be publickly advertised for thirty days by my Executor
and sold to the highest bidder with out filling and bill
in any Court and the right to said land to be made by
my Executor which shall be good to all intents and
purposes as if I had made the same in my life time
The terms of the sale to be so much per acre on a credit
it to be two & three years credit of the purchaser to give
bond with two good ~~and~~ ^{sufficient} securities and
a lien retained on the land till the purchase
money is paid 9th my Executor is to have a
right to bid for and purchase property at his
sale and the right to make the right to him in
the same manner and to have the same validity
as the executor right to any other person

10th I should any or all of my daughters have husbands
at the time any of the above ~~Gifts~~ ^{Gifts} or money is due
them a receipt signed by them and their husbands is all
that shall be required of them and I shall be good to my
Executor or their Executors 11th I will that all the
specific gifts made to my Children at any ~~time~~
that be permitted to take charge of them without a
receipt being required of them or any body else
12th I hereby appoint James H. Taylor my Executor
also a reasonable allowance to be made to him for
his trouble and expenses in the coast an admin-
istrator should have to take the place of the executor
he shall have the same power invested in him as
is invested in my Executor to this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
in writing whereof I have heretofore set my hand and
seal this the 28th September 1857. Allen Stubblefield
the above instrument consisting of one ^{half} sheet
was now ~~read~~ ^{read} subscribed by Allen Stubblefield the
testator in the presence of each of us and was at the
same time declared by him to be his last will and
Testament and we at his request signed our names
hereto as attesting witnesses

James H. Taylor

W. C. Nix

Sworn to in open court - Norris Leatherwood Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I William Givens of the State
of Tennessee and County of Lincoln being in my usual health
and sound mind and disposing memory but being very
frail upon account of my advanced age and not knowing
the time of my departure from this world and the things thereof
but knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make
and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking
and making void all former Wills by me at any time made
in the manner and form following To wit, first and principally
of all I recommend my soul to that God who gave it and my
Body to dust from whence it was taken To be interred in a
becoming and Christian manner Secondly I direct that all
my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of
any Money that I may be seized of or may first come