

Ezekiel Sanders

of the County of Lincoln and State

of Tennessee, Being of a sound mind & disposing memory and being assured of the shortness of life & certainty of death, do make & publish this my last will & testament.

1st I will and direct that my funeral expenses be paid.
2nd I will & direct that the balance of my just debts be paid.
3rd I will & bequeath to my three Sons James B., Newton B. and Neil S. B. Sanders, my three choice beds & furniture which shall be equally divided except Neil S. B. who shall have three striped covers.

4th I will and bequeath to my two Daughters Elizabeth C. McElwain & Harriet C. Smith each a white counterpane.

5th I will & bequeath to my Son James B. Sanders Twenty five Dollars in money.

6th I will & bequeath to my Son Neil S. B. Sanders Two Hundred & fifty Dollars in money to my Son John H. B. Sanders one hundred & fifty Dollars in money.

7th I will & bequeath to my Son Newton B. Sanders my new Saddle & to my Son Neil S. B. Sanders my old Saddle.

8th I will & direct that all the Residue of my Estate both real and personal be sold and the money divided equally between my living heirs except my Son Newton B. Sanders who shall have two portions & Lucretia Sanders the wife of James B. Sanders nor her heirs is not herein considered as my heirs therefore they shall not inherit any portion of my estate.

9th I will and direct that owing to the unsettled affairs of our government that the time and manner of sale of the Estate above mentioned be left discretionary with my Executors & that they be required to sell all my perishable property at as early date as they may think practicable having the privilege to rent my land and hire my Negro Boy Sam, until such time as they think proper to make sale of the same.

10th I will and direct that my boy Sam have the privilege of selecting a master, provided that he can be sold or hired to the Master for amount satisfactory to the executors.

11th I hereby appoint my Sons Loannia David & William H. Sanders Executors of this my last will & testament.

12th I will and direct that William H. Sanders be appointed Guardian for my Sons Newton B. & Neil S. B. Sanders but in case William H. Sanders should fail to be their Guardian then Loannia and David Sanders shall be appointed.

13th I will and direct that the above mentioned Guardian or Guardians take charge of my Son Newton B. Sanders & his portion of my Estate for his benefit and at the death of Newton B. Sanders, if any of portion of my estate be left, it shall go to compensate said Guardian or Guardians.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, This December the third Eighteen hundred & sixty two.

Signed and sealed in presence of

John B. Stephens

W. S. Findley

State of Tennessee

County of Lincoln

County Court Feb Term 1863

I David J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Ezekiel Sanders Decd were proven in open Court by the oaths of James B. Stephens and W. S. Findley the subscribing witnesses thereto.

It is therefore ordered by the Court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament of Ezekiel Sanders Decd.

Witness David J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court at office the first Monday in Feb 1863.

David J. Whittington Clerk