

John M. Daniel: Will

I, John M. Daniel do make and publish this as my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my...

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved Companion Mary H. M. Daniel that portion of my land that is to say Beginning at a Sugar-tree at the north End of my line and running South in the Center of said lane to the top of the hill where the Woods fence join said lane and thence in a Northerly direction some 20 or 30 yards above the South West Corner of my field that A. M. March Cultivation this year, and thence South to my line between me & W. M. Daniel and thence with my line East to David Creek, and thence with my line to the north East corner & thence with my line West to said Sugar-tree the Beginning corner, together with all my Slaves with the exception of one Adam which my son W. M. Daniel has in his possession now, and all the balance of my personally, Stock, Crops, household and Kitchen furniture to have held & mine to her benefit during her natural life and at her death the said land I give to my daughter Martha Daniel, and the balance of all my property including Slaves, and every thing that may be in my hand at her decease that is my wife Mary H. M. Daniel, with the exception of

What I hereinafter specifically bequeath. Shall be equally divided among my children to wit Martha E. Meritt, William M. Daniel, Mary L. Wilson, L. Ann March, & Sarah E. M. Daniel my daughter Betsey M. Daniel is to have all the profits arising from the cultivation of my farm after supporting the family during the lifetime of my wife. Thirdly, I give to my son William T. that portion of my land beginning at the West corner of the lot of land I gave to my wife running West with the fence through the Red tract to J. M. Jones line about 20 acres valued at two hundred & fifty dollars also the slave Adam at the price that I have set down in a Book that I keep my accounts in, I then I give to L. A. March all the balance of my land supposed to be one hundred & twenty acres valued at two thousand five hundred dollars which the said W. M. Daniel & L. A. March is to have immediate possession. I do hereby nominate & appoint W. M. Daniel & A. M. March my Executors in Witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand & seal, this 14th day 1861.

W. M. Daniel & L. A. March shall account for the amounts of the price of said land & slave Adam to the heirs of my estate when it amounts to more than three parts upon the final winding up of said estate my intention being to make all my children equal with the exception of Betsey M. Daniel. In witness I do to this my Will set my hand and seal date specified nothing.

John M. Daniel

Signed Sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator

R. B. Gibson
J. R. Nelson

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County Hearing Court November Term 1861
I Samuel J. Whittington Clerk of the County
Court of said County, hereby Certify that
the foregoing Last Will & Testament of
John M. Daniel Was this day proven in
open Court by the Oaths of R. B. Gibson
& J. R. Nelson the subscribing Witnesses
whereupon thereupon it is ordered to be Recorded
as the Last Will & Testament of the said John
M. Daniel Decd. Witness Daniel J. Whittington
Clerk of said Court at office in Fayetteville
first Monday in November 1861
Daniel J. Whittington, Clerk