

Priscilla B. Howells Last Will

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County

I Priscilla B. Howells do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me at any time made. I direct
that my funeral expenses and all my ^{just} debts be paid as
soon as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of
or may come into the hands of my ~~executor~~ ^{executors}.
Secondly I direct that Charles B. Howells fully pay himself
out of any money I may be possessed of for all the trouble
and expense he has been at with me since my sickness
also I direct that the said Charles B. Howells have a note of
thirty dollars I held on him. Thirdly I direct that the balance
of my money & property if any be equally divided between
my Mother Elizabeth Howells and my Sister Altabetha B.
Howells lastly I do nominate and appoint Charles B. Howells
my executor and to settle up all my business on writing
whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this
12th day of July 1834

Priscilla B. Howells Seal
Signed sealed and published in our
presence and we have subscribed our
names hereto in the presence of the
testator this 12th day of July 1834

Do
Smith, S. Walker
Joshua Smith

Admitted to record at chancery Sept 1834

The Last Will and Testament of Mary Staten deceased
I Mary Staten do make and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all others and making void
all other wills by me at any time made

1st it is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and
debts be paid and to effect this object I wish all my property
except my slaves sold by my executor hereinafter named
the proceeds applied to the purposes aforesaid

2nd I wish my true slaves Daphne, Pallace and Margaret
hire out until the proceeds of their hire will be sufficient to
pay all my debts after all my debts are paid I wish my
black people disposed of as follows (to wit)

1st I give and bequeath my black girl Daphne to my
daughter Mary M. Staten to her & her heirs forever and
I hereby appoint my son Peter M. Prof. Guardian for my
daughter Mary M. Staten & I wish him at my death to take
said Mary M. Staten & raise educate support her free
from charge until she is twenty one year of age & to enable
him to educate clothe & support her so soon as my debts
are paid I wish him to take said Daphne & keep her
without paying any hire for her until my said daughter
may arrive at the age of twenty one years & then deliver
said Daphne & her increase to said Mary to belong to her &
her heirs forever

2nd I give and bequeath my black girl Pallace
to my son Cornelius M. Staten & his heirs and assigns
forever & I hereby appoint my son William M. Prof.
Guardian for my son Cornelius M. Staten & wish him
to educate clothe & raise said Cornelius M. Staten free from
charge expense until he is twenty one year of age &
to enable said William M. Prof. to educate clothe and raise
said Cornelius & so on as all my debts are paid
it is my will and desire that my said son W. M. Prof.
take said slave Pallace and keep her without paying
any hire for her until my said son Cornelius M.
Staten is twenty one year of age and then deliver said
Pallace and her increase to said Cornelius M. Staten
to belong to him his heirs and assigns forever
3rd I give and bequeath to my son Peter M. Prof.
his heirs and assigns forever my negro girl

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I do soon as my debts are all paid to be
his absolute property
I give and bequeath to my son William
I Prop his heirs and assigns forever my black boy
Jacobariah, 3rd My black woman Ganny has been
a kind and affectionate truly and faithful servant
to me for many years and it is my desire that her
future life shall be as comfortable as the circumstances
with which she is surrounded will permit, and for
the purpose of effecting this object I give and bequeath
said Ganny to my son Peter M. Prop in trust for her
own use said trustee to have him out said Ganny,
to such person or persons as will treat her kind and at
such a price as she will not be required to labor
hard and apply the proceeds to the payment of
my debts When my debts are all paid then said
Trustee is to hold said Ganny for her own use &
benefit and account to her for the value of her own
labor 6th I do not wish my sons William & Prop &
Peter M. Prop to be required to give security for
their respective guardianship, 7th I hereby nominate
and appoint my sons Peter M. Prop & William &
Prop my executors to execute this my last will and
testament and I do not wish my said executors to be
required to give security for the discharge of
their duties as executors

On witness whereof I do this my will set my hand
and seal this 8th day of July 1840 Mary Stater
Signed Seal and published in our
presence and we here subscribed
our names hereto in the presence
of the Test at this 9th July 1840

Test
John O. Briggs
J. Ruellet
Proven and admitted to record the 4th Sept 34

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A Codicil to the Last Will & Testament of Mary Stater
I Mary Stater having this 9th day of July 1840
made published my last will and testament do make
and declare this a Codicil thereto
1st Should my daughter Mary M. Stater die before she is
twenty one years of age it is my will and desire that the
negro girl Laphine which I in my said last will and
testament gave and bequeathed to the said Mary M.
Stater should after the death of the said Mary M. Stater
be the joint property of my three sons Peter M. Prop
William & Prop and Cornelius R. Stater
2nd Should my son Cornelius R. Stater die before
he is twenty one years of age it is my will and
desire that the negro Pallace which I in my said
last will and testament gave to the said Cornelius
R. Stater should after the death of the said Cornelius
R. Stater be the joint property of the said Peter M.
Prop, William & Prop and Mary M. Stater
3rd Should both of my said children Cornelius R. Stater
Mary M. Stater die before they become twenty one
years of age respectively it is my will and desire
that both of said negroes Laphine & Pallace shall
after the death of both of my said children Cornelius R.
Stater and Mary M. Stater be the joint property of
the said Peter M. Prop and William & Prop
4th If my son Peter M. Prop should die before my
negro woman Ganny it is my will and desire
that the said Ganny should be in the care and
possession of my son William & Prop subject to the
same trusts upon which she is given by my son
Peter M. Prop by my said last will and testament
It is also my will and desire that if by the
laws of Tennessee the trust above mentioned in
favor of said negro Ganny are void and cannot
be enforced, it is my will and desire that said
Ganny should be the joint property of my two sons Peter
M. Prop & William & Prop
Mary Stater
John O. Briggs
J. Ruellet
Proven and admitted to record the 4th Sept 1840