

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 ~~paid~~ 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~~ Executor.
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 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