

Last Will and Testament of John Groce Jr.
I John Groce being of sound ^{mind} and disposing
memory do make and publish this my last
will and testament making void all wills by me
made at any time herebefore

1st I direct that my funeral expences and all my debts
be paid

2nd I Give to my wife Cincinnata Groce all my land
house hold & kitchen furniture 2 head of horses & ten
Eubblers all my cattle hogs & sheep all my farming
tools all my corn wheat and pork I Give it all to her
during her natural life for the support of her and
the family my will and desire is at the death of my
wife my land and the ballance of my property
if there should any left ^{to} to the highest bidder
my land on a credit of one two & three years and
the other property on credit of twelve months
and the proceeds after paying all necessary
expences be equally divided between all my
Children Elizabeth Thomas William Martha
Wiley Cordely Nancy & Abie

3rd I direct that my negro Girl Ann and all
the ballance of my property not above named
be sold on a credit of twelve months for ^{the} purpose
of paying all my debts and expences

4th I appoint William Ashby my Executor to
execute this will

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence
of us This 12th December 1857
Ezra Ashby
Morgan & Co. way
John P. Pagen

Last Will and Testament of William Deceased
I William Bryan being of sound mind and disposing
memory do publish this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made

1st I request that all my just debts and funeral expences
be paid out of the first monies that may come into the
hands of my executors

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan all
my lands Negroes house hold and kitchen furniture
together with a sufficiency of provision for one year
to be set apart by three disinterested men & to wit to set apart
corn pork wheat stock hogs cows horses sheep and other such
things as may be considered needed for her support and
support with the privilege of my five sons living on her
land until free namely William Benjamin John
Ephraim & Newton during her natural life or widowhood
and all other of my property as is not set apart for the
benefit of my wife to be sold as soon after my death as
practicable on a twelve months credit &c

And at the death of my beloved wife Lucinda Bryan or widow
hood I wish all the estate divided as here in after described

3rd It is my will that my lands be divided between my four
sons to wit William A Bryan Benjamin B Bryan
Ephraim B Bryan John Bryan and Newton Bryan
to have each of them One hundred and fifty acres each
to be valued by three or more disinterested men and
each one to pay so as to be equal with the exception
of John Bryan who is to have one hundred and
seventeen Acres including the home place and
other building the line to run East and West
and at his death to be sold by my executors on a twelve
months credit and the proceeds to be equally divided between
all my children to wit Elizabeth who married
John Maddox William A Bryan Benjamin
Bryan Maria Bryan Ephraim Bryan Rebecca
Bryan Newton Bryan Malinda S Bryan & Cynthia
who intermarried Joseph Buchanan for the special
benefit of her and the heirs of her body

4th I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermar-
ried with John Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca
& Malinda Bryan and Cynthia who intermarried

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Joseph Buchanan and her heirs an equal portion
of my estate to be in a Negro and money the Negro
to be drawn for the money to be paid out of my affeer
so as to make all my children equal the sons above named
to have the land as described the Girls the Negroes and
to be made equal in money the lands and Negroes
all to be valued and divided as above described Anna
married Thomas Maddox To have if she chooses the
half of land on Kellies Creek at what I was to
have it at out of her part if she does not like
it for my Executors to sell the land and divided
the proceeds as above named

4th I will that all the portion of the estate allotted
Cynthia who intermarried Joseph Buchanan
Go to her only use and bodily heirs

6 I will to the heirs of James J Bryan Deceased One hundred Dollars each to be paid at the death of my wife Lucinda namely William & Francis M John & Nancy Henry Bryan & as their portion of my estate

7. I will that the amount of money when collected be paid to each one of the heirs equally and to be accountable for the account on a division namely William Benjamin Ephraim Newton Elizabeth Maddox Anna Maddox Rebecca Malinda Cynthia Buchanan

8 I will that Ephraim Bryan remain on the place
~~and~~ take care of his mother and farm the same
way he has been doing heretofore if he chooses
so to do which is the right of all that ~~live~~ reside
on the place and that all that I have given
to my children next, and all privileges remain
ing as they are and for there to be no hereafter
about it

Last by I here by appoint William A Bryan and
 Ephraim Bryan ^{my Executors} to this my last Will and
 testament this the 30th day of November 1857
 Signed and sealed in the presence of us
 John Smith William Bryan &
 John J. Bonner

Last Will and testament of James B. Dooley, as established
by the Circuit Court -
State of Tennessee

Pleas at a Circuit Court began and held
for the county of Lincoln at the court house in the Town
of Fayetteville in said State of Tennessee on the first Monday
of November the same being the 2nd day of said month in the
year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven
and of the American Independence the Eighty second
Present the Honorable Andrew J. Marshbanks one of the Circuit
Judges in and for said State of Tennessee and assigned to hold the
Courts in the thirteenth Judicial Circuit including the county
of Lincoln.

B. It Remembers that at said Court among other things the following proceeding were had, to wit:

Mary E Dooley Susan
and Louisa Jane Dooley

The Court then proceeded to hear the testimony of the witnesses. The first witness was George W. Dotsey, who testified that on the 11th of August 1864, he saw the defendant, John C. Dotsey, and the plaintiff, A. W. Dotsey, in the presence of the defendant's sister, Conaline. The defendant and the plaintiff were then together in the presence of the defendant's sister, Conaline. The defendant and the plaintiff were then together in the presence of the defendant's sister, Conaline. The defendant and the plaintiff were then together in the presence of the defendant's sister, Conaline.

1. James B Dooley being of sound mind and fully capable of disposing of my property do ordain and publish this my last will and testament

First - I desire to be decently buried and decent Tombstone
to be placed over my body

I want all my debts paid and I now give to my son
George W Dooley five hundred dollars To my son
Frederic C Dooley five hundred dollars To my son
John C Dooley five hundred dollars To my daughter
Ernestine F. Jeter four hundred dollars she having
lived upon my land for a long time free of charge
which makes her part equal to five hundred dollars

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To my son Alfred W Dooly fifty Dollars in addition to the sum of three hundred & twenty five dollars heretofore loaned him which has not been paid back and for which I had no note or evidence of the debt a garnish him which as it is and lawful put on the same with the fifty dollars will about make him equal with the rest of my children above named I give to my Grand daughter Francis Germina Smith eight hundred dollars and it is my desire that I recommend should become her Guardian the assets hereby directed to be given to each above named so soon as the money can be collected out of the assets due upon notes I now hold for the sale of my land

It is my will that the balance of my estate shall be equally divided between my wife and my two small children Susan Virginia Boyd & Louisa Jane and in the event of the death of either the last then named to wit my wife and my two children by her without issue then their portions to be divided between the other two and so of the remaining two under the same conditions

I acquired what property I possessed and I dispose of the same according to my own views of propriety and justice under the circumstances with which I am surrounded Having full confidence in friend John Washburn I appoint him my Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of October A.D. 1836

Subscribed in presence of James B Dooly (Circled)

Witness

A A Green

Jalet G. H. H. H.

is the last will and testament of James B Dooly Deceased

It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper Writing be established as the last will and testament of James B Dooly Deceased and that the plaintiff recover of the defendants and James B Woodson

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the security for cost in this case the cost of this suit for which let Execution Issue

It is further Ordered by the Court that the clerk of this Court Certify and return to the County Court of Lincoln County the verdict of the jury and the judgment of the Court in this Cause together with the Original Will so established to be there Recorded

State of Tennessee

I R S Woodward Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lincoln County in said State of Tennessee do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the verdict of the jury & the judgment of the Court thereon in the case of M E D Lusk vs J B Dooly Louisa Jane Dooly against A W Dooly Samuel Dooly John B Dooly George W Dooly & Emmeline Luter Concluded Will James B Dooly deceased as the same appears of Record in my office and that the enclosed paper Writing is the Original Will so established as the last Will and testament of James B Dooly Deceased and ordered to be certified to the County Court there to be recorded Given under my hand at office in Saywell the 30th day of February 1838 R S Woodward Clerk