

State of Tennessee

Pleas at a Court began and held in the County of Lincoln at the Court house in the town of Fayetteville in said State of Tennessee on the first Monday in November, the same being the 1st day of said Month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine and of American Independence the Eighty fourth year.

Present the Honorable A. J. Wenchbury one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee and assigned to hold the in the Eighth Judicial Circuit including the County of Lincoln

At said term among other things the following proceedings were had (to wit)

Anderson C. Martin Executor of W^m Crawford dec^d

vs
W^m T. Buchanan, B. E. Nelson, J. J. Crawford
W^m L. Nelson, Jr. R. B. Gibson and
William S. Crawford

Contested Will
No 10

That day came again the parties by their Attornies and the jury being sworn in this cause returned into Court to present the consideration of the same, who after having been numbered and the paper of the cause handed them returned again to consider of their verdicts; And after some time spent thereon returned into Court upon their oaths aforesaid to say that they find the issue in favor of the plaintiff; And the paper writing mentioned and described in the pleadings of this cause dated the 22nd day of December 1857 and signed W^m Crawford, and tested on the 23rd December 1857 is the last Will and Testament of William Crawford dec^d both as to his personal and real Estate.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last Will and Testament of said W^m Crawford dec^d both as to his real and personal Estate property, and that the same be enticed to the Clerk of the County Court for record.

It is further ordered that the Plaintiff recover of the defendants and their security in the prosecution Bond William H. Hirschel jointly the Cost of this suit for which let an Execution issue J. R. S. Woodard Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee Certify that this foregoing is a true copy of the verdict of the jury and of the judgment of the Court had in the foregoing case at the same institutions of Record in my office, and that the paper writing enclosed marked (C) is the paper writing by which the Court is to be enticed to the Clerk of the County Court

presented on the last Will and Testament of William Crawford dec^d Given under my hand and the seal of the Court at office this the 2nd day of December 1859

R. S. Woodard Clerk

I William Crawford of Lincoln County Tennessee, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

1st It is my Will that all of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as my estate can be settled; also that my body be decently buried in my family Grave Yard, on the place that I now live on - said Grave Yard to be laid off as follows - Commencing on the first lot line, running West ten poles, thence South sixteen poles, thence East ten poles, thence North sixteen poles to the beginning - so as to include the Grave Yard on my place before mentioned. This my Will that said Grave Yard shall be and remain as a family Grave Yard not to be sold or transferred to any person or persons, but shall forever remain as a family burial Ground

2nd I Will and bequeath to my Wife Nancy R. the tract of land on which I now live containing about two hundred and twenty Acres with the thereon and out houses situated on said land, subject however to the provisions hereinafter mentioned. That is to say upon my eldest son by said Nancy R. attaining the age of twenty two years he is to have the one third of said land; And upon my second son by said Nancy R. arriving at the age of twenty one year he is to have the one third of said land, and my said Wife Nancy R. is to have the remaining third of said land during her natural life and at her death said third part of said land is to be equally divided between my two sons by her George J. Crawford and Joseph W. Crawford. In the event that either of my sons by my Wife Nancy R. should die before arriving at the age of twenty one year without issue then his share of said land is to go to his Mother and in the event that both of my said sons by said Nancy R. should die before the arrival at the age of twenty one year without issue then said land is to go to my two daughters Margaret A. E. Crawford and Abigail A. Crawford. Upon my eldest son attaining the age of twenty two years or before before mentioned, I desire that Benjamin F. Clark, Rufus A. McDonald, Thomas W. Buchanan and John S. Patton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land, and upon my other son before mentioned attaining the age of twenty one year I desire that said Clark, McDonald, Buchanan and Patton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land. And at the death of my Wife Nancy R. I desire that said Clark, McDonald

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Placed at a 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 in November, the same being the 7th day of said Month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty third and of American Independence the Eighty fourth year.

Present the Honorable A. J. Bushbuckner one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee and appeared to state the in the Eighth Judicial Circuit including the County of Lincoln

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vs

Wm. M. Buchanan, B. C. Wilson, J. J. Crawford

Wm. S. Wilson, Jr. R. Bond, R. B. Gibson and

William S. Crawford

Contested Will
No 21

This day came again the parties by their Attornies and the Jery who before sworn in this cause returned into Court to present the consideration of the same, after having been numbered and the papers of the cause handed them, and read against to consider of their verdict; And after some time spent therein returned into Court and upon their oaths affirmed to say that they find the issue in favor of the plaintiff; And the paper writing mentioned and described in the pleadings of this cause dated the 22nd day of December 1857 and signed Wm. Crawford, and tested on the 23rd December 1857 is the last Will and Testament of William Crawford In both as to his personal and real Estate.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last Will and Testament of said Wm. Crawford decd both as to his real and personal Estate property, and that the same be certified to the Clerk of the County Court for record.

It is further ordered that the Plaintiff appear of the defendants and their security in the prosecutive Bond William H. Buchanan jointly, The Cost of this suit for which let an Execution issue J. R. d. Ward Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee Certify that this foregoing is a true copy of the record of the Jery and of the judgment of the Court had in the foregoing case, and the same instructions of Record on my office, and that the paper writing enclosed marked (C) is the paper writing by which the Court is to be certified to the Clerk of the County Court.

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R. d. Ward Clerk

I William Crawford of Lincoln County Tennessee, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

Item 1 - It is my Will that all of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as my estate can be settled; also that my body be decently buried in my family grave yard, on the place that I now live in - said grave yard to be laid off as follows - Commencing on the Pond lot line, running West ten poles, thence South sixteen poles, thence East ten poles, thence North sixteen poles to the beginning - so as to include the grave yard on my place before mentioned - It is my Will that said grave shall be and remain as a family grave yard not to be sold or transferred to any person or persons, but shall forever remain as a family burial ground.

Item 2 - I Will and bequeath to my Wife Nancy R. the tract of land on which I now live containing about two hundred and seventy acres with the thresher and out houses situated on said land, subject however to the provisions hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) upon my oldest son by said Nancy R. attaining the age of twenty one years he is to have the one third of said land; and upon my second son by wife the said Nancy R. arriving at the age of twenty one years he is to have the one third of said land, and my said Wife Nancy R. is to have the remaining third of said land during her natural life and at her death said third part of said land is to be equally divided between my two sons by her George J. Crawford and Joseph W. Crawford - In the event that either of my sons by my wife Nancy R. should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years without issue then his share of said land is to go to his Mother and in the event that both of my said sons by said Nancy R. should die before the arrival at the age of twenty one years without issue, then said land is to go to my two daughters Elizabeth A. Crawford and Abigail H. Crawford - Upon my oldest son attaining the age of twenty one years or before before mentioned, I desire that Benjamin F. Clark, Rufus A. McDonald, Thomas W. Buchanan & John S. Patton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land, and upon my other son before mentioned attaining the age of twenty one years, I desire that said Clark, McDonald, Buchanan & John S. Patton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land - And at the death of my Wife Nancy R. I desire that said Clark, McDonald

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William A. Crawford

Contested Will N^o 20

After day come again the parties by their Attornies and the Jury heretofore sworn in this cause returned into Court to resume the consideration of the same after having been numbered and the paper of the same handed them returned again to consider of their verdict; And after some time spent therein returned into Court and upon their oaths aforesaid do say that they find the issue in favor of the plaintiff; And the paper writing mentioned and described in the pleadings of this cause dated the 22nd day of December 1857 and signed Wm Crawford, and tested on the 23rd December 1857 is the last Will and Testament of William Crawford dec^d both as to his personal and real Estate.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that said paper writing be stablished on the last Will and Testament of said Wm Crawford dec^d both as to his real and personal Estate property, and that the same be certified to the Clerk of the County Court for record.

It is further ordered that the Plaintiff recover of the defendants and their security in the prosecution Bond William H. Hershorn jointly the Cost of their suit for which let an Execution issue J. R. S. Woodard Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Lincoln in the State of Tennessee Certify that this foregoing is a true copy of the verdict of the Jury and of the judgment of the Court had in the foregoing case, at the same time and place as Recd in my office, and that the paper writing enclosed marked (C) is the paper writing by which the Court is so certified to the Clerk of the County Court.

proposed in the last Will and Testament of William Crawford dec^d Given under my hand and the seal of the Court at office this the 2nd day of December 1859

R. S. Woodard Clerk

I William Crawford of Lincoln County Tennessee, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

Item 1st It is my Will that all of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as my estate can be settled; also that my body be decently buried in my family Grave Yard, on the place that I now live on - said Grave Yard to be laid off as follows - Commencing on the Pond lot line, running West ten poles, thence South sixteen poles, thence East ten poles, thence North sixteen poles to the beginning - so as to include the Grave Yard on my place before mentioned - This my Will that said Ground shall be and remain as a family Grave Yard not to be sold or transferred to any person or persons, but shall forever remain as a family burial Ground.

Item 2nd I Will and bequeath to my Wife, Nancy R. the tract of land on which I now live containing about two hundred and seventy Acres with the thereon and out houses situated on said land, subject however to the provisions herein after mentioned. (That is to say) upon my eldest son by said Nancy R. attaining the age of twenty one years he is to have the one third of said land; and upon my second son by wife the said Nancy R. arriving at the age of twenty one years he is to have the one third of said land, and my said Wife, Nancy R. is to have the remaining third of said land during her natural life and at her death said third part of said land is to be equally divided between my two sons by her George I Crawford and Joseph W. Crawford - In the event that either of my sons by my Wife Nancy R. should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years without issue then his share of said land is to go to his Mother and in the event that both of my said sons by said Nancy R. should die before the arrival at the age of twenty one years without issue then said land is to go to my two daughters Margaret A. E. Crawford and Abigail A. Crawford - Upon my oldest son attaining the age of twenty one years or hereafter mentioned, I desire that Benjamin F. Clark, Rufus A. McDonald, Thomas W. Buchanan and John S. Hutton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land, and upon my other son before mentioned attaining the age of twenty one years I desire that said Clark, McDonald, Buchanan or John S. Hutton or any two of them lay off to him his one third of said land - And at the death of my Wife, Nancy R. I desire that said Clark, McDonald,

Buchanan & Sutton is any two of them divide the remaining three
of said land according to the provisions of my Will
Item 3^d I also Will and bequeath to my Wife the said Nancy R. until
my eldest daughter by her arrives to the age of twenty one
years the following Slaves named, Harriet, Dick, Mary, Martha
and Amy - And upon my eldest daughter by said Nancy R.
arriving at the age of twenty one years, it is my Will that she
have the one fifth part of all my Slaves with the exception of three
hereafter given absolutely to my Wife by this my Will -
My said daughter is to have said one fifth of said Slaves to her sole
and separate use and profit, the debt or liabilities of my husband
she may hereafter have - Upon my eldest daughter by said Nancy
R. attaining the age of twenty one years as before mentioned, I decree
that said Clark, McDonald, Buchanan & Sutton is any two
of them divide my said Slaves and lay off to my said daughter
one fifth of them - And upon the arriving of my two sons
and daughter Henrietta C. Crawford Children by my Wife
Nancy R. to the age of twenty one years, three each of them is to
have one fifth of the remainder of my Slaves, with the exception
of three given to my Wife absolutely hereinafter mentioned -
And upon my son and daughter respectively arriving at the
age of twenty one years as before mentioned, I decree that said
Clark, McDonald, Buchanan & Sutton is any two of them
divide said Slaves and lay to each of them his or her one
fifth of said Slaves as they attain the age before mentioned
My said daughter Henrietta C. Crawford to have the one fifth
of said Slaves to her sole and separate use and profit from the debt
or liabilities of my husband she may hereafter have
In the event of either of my said daughters by my Wife
Nancy R. should die before arriving at the age of twenty one
years without issue her fifth part of said Slaves is to go to her
surviving sister, and in the event that both of my said daughters
should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years
without issue then their two fifth parts of said Slaves are to go
to their five brothers by my said Wife Nancy R. if living and if
either be dead, then to their issue - And in the event of either of
my sons by my Wife Nancy R. should die before arriving at the
age of twenty one years without issue her fifth of said Slaves
is to go to her surviving Brother, and in the event that both of
my said sons should die before arriving at the age of twenty one
years without issue, then their two fifth parts of said Slaves are to go

three two brothers by my Wife Nancy R. if living, and if either be
then to their issue - And the remaining fifth of my Slaves with
the exceptions hereafter made are to belong to my Wife Nancy R.
during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided
between my four Children by her -
Item 4 I Will and bequeath to my Wife Nancy R. absolutely the Slaves
Sandy & Aggy, also the one fifth part of Samuel, Jane and the
one fifth part of the children of James Children -
I have heretofore given to my Children by my first Wife Rachel
Crawford as follows - To my son William Crawford by deed of gift a tract
of land and some other property, altogether \$1200⁰⁰ in full of his
part of my estate - To my son John J. Crawford by deed of gift a tract
of land and some other property, altogether \$1200⁰⁰ in full of his
part of my estate - To my daughter Rebecca Buchanan one
Slave by deed of gift worth \$800⁰⁰ and also \$150 in Cash and
have executed my title to her for \$150 in full of her part of my estate
to the heirs of my daughter Caroline Sawyer one hundred acres
of land and other property by deed of gift worth \$800⁰⁰. I also Will
and bequeath to her three daughters by Sawyer \$300⁰⁰ -
To my daughter Elizabeth Ann Westcott one Slave and other
property to the amount of \$1200 in full of her part of my estate
To my daughter Nancy R. two Slaves by deed of gift
and other property to the amount of \$1200⁰⁰ in full of her part of my estate
To my daughter Phoebe L. Buchanan two Slaves by deed of gift
to the amount of \$1200 in full of her part of my estate
To my daughter Rachel C. Hampton three Slaves and other property
to the amount of \$1200 in full of her part of my estate
To my daughter Sally C. Eastman decessed by deed of gift
100 acres of land, one Slave and other property to the amount of
\$1200⁰⁰ in full of her part of my estate
I also Will and bequeath that all of my Slaves not herein before
mentioned or a sufficiency thereof be kept on my farms until
the time at which they are to be drawn as herebefore mentioned
to make a sufficiency for my said Wife Nancy R. and my four
Children by her, and for the education of my said four Children
by her - In the event that there should be none of such Slaves
of my Wife and Children to live with any of such Slaves they
may choose - The time to go to the support of any said four
Children and Wife and the education of any said four Children
It is also my Will that my Wife have a sufficiency of these four

to be, Wagon, Steam & Horses to carry on and execute said
 I will my Buggy and harness to my Wife; I also will her &
 sufficiency of cattle, Hogs and Sheep for the support of her family
 said property to be selected by my Wife and Executor hereafter
 named — It is also my Will that all the balance of my
 property not herein before bequeathed be sold upon a credit
 of twelve months by my Executor and the proceeds thereof
 applied to the payment of my debts and the money legacies
 herein before bequeathed to my Children by my first wife
 In the event that said property should not sell for enough
 to pay off my debts and said money legacies, I direct that the
 Slave or a sufficiency thereof bequeathed to my wife
 Nancy R. and my Children by her be hired out until there
 should be a sufficient sum to pay off my debts and said money
 legacies above spoken of — I direct that my boy Gary the
 black Smith be kept hired out or sold, and the proceeds of
 the hire to go to the support of my said four Children by her
 If said boy Gary should be sold by my Executor the proceeds
 of such sale is to be divided among my four Children
 by Wife Nancy R. and said Nancy R. according to the way
 I have herein before bequeathed my Negroes to be divided
 between them — This said boy not to be hired or sold away
 from his Wife but in the Neighborhood if possible
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas M. Buchanan
 and Amos M. Colburn & John S. Fuller Executors to this my
 Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand that
 this December 22nd 1857 William Crawford
 Signed, sealed and published in
 our presence, and we have subscribed
 our names here to in the presence of
 the Testator this Dec^r 23rd 1857
 S. M. M. Gray
 J. B. Hight

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Howell as
 I Elizabeth Howell do make and publish this to my last Will
 and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills
 by me at any time made. —
 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon
 after my death as possible out of any money I may be possessed
 of or may first come into the hands of my Executor
 2^d I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha who intermarried
 with Sidney Barnes said Martha now dead, One Cent. to my
 Daughter Frances R. who intermarried with George Harrison now
 deceased One Cent. to my Daughter Hannah C. who intermarried
 with Leon Barnes One Cent. to Amos M. Colburn who intermarried
 with Joseph H. Landers One Cent. to Hattie C. who intermarried
 with David H. Brown One Cent. to Charles S. Howell One Cent
 3^d I will and bequeath to my son Hyson M. Howell my entire stock
 of every description my household and kitchen furniture of every
 description &c. &c. —
 Lastly — I do nominate and appoint Hyson M. Howell my Executor
 In witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and Seal
 this the 19th day of January 1858 Elizabeth Howell
 Signed, sealed and published in our presence
 and we have subscribed our names here to
 in the presence of the testator this the 19th day
 of January 1858
 John M. Stone
 Joshua Smith February the 11th 1858
 State of Minnesota }
 Lincoln County } County Court November Term 1859
 I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of said County Certify
 that the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Howell dec^d
 was proven in open Court by the oath of John Stone at the present term
 of this Court one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will. Whereupon
 the Court orders that the same be so Certified and recorded as the last
 Will and Testament of the said Elizabeth Howell dec^d.
 Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court at Office the
 first Monday in November 1859
 Daniel J. Whittington Clerk