

127 Amongst the heirs & legatees except the Negroes given to her which are to be at her own disposal
I hereby revoke and annul all former wills
I hereby nominate and appoint Jacob Cleggfield
that he be sole Executor of this my last will & testament
in witness of all which I have set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January
Eighteen hundred and fifty two

Signed in presence of William Oldfield

James Mc Hale

James Mc Bell, Proven in open Court by James
Mc Bell & James Mc Hale the 2 day of
December 1855 Eli S Hodge Clerk

The last will and Testament of Miles Rufus Sherrell deceased
State of Tennessee April the 11th 1855
Lincoln County I Miles Rufus Sherrell do make this
my last will and Testament being of sound mind and
disposing memory I wish all my funeral expenses paid first
then my just debts paid I desire my land and all other
property sold except my Negro boy James Allen Caleb Mary
Margaret Hannah Amanda Louisa Cynthia Jane Harriet Thomas
Anderson Mariah Caroline Ellen. I furthermore wish my slaves
to be hired out privately until my Eldest Daughter Alice
Anne Read Sherrell becomes of age or marries at which time
I direct my Executors to have three commissioners appointed
to value and set apart one third of my Estate to her and
her children I also wish for my William Sherrell to have his
part laid off at twenty one years of age as the above I also
wish for Mary Frances Sherrell to have the remainder at twenty
one years of age or when she marries to her and her children
I furthermore wish if either of my above named children
should die before receiving their Estate it shall fall back
to the Estate as above mentioned be equally divided
between the survivors as before directed I furthermore

Appoint Joseph Lawson Sherrell and Wmly R Bruce my
Executors I here put my Hand and Seal
Witness
John Maddox
David S Patterson
Proven in open Court February Term 1856 Eli S Hodge Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of William McElroy deceased

I William McElroy being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all other and former Wills

Item 1st it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses
be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my executors
herein after named

Item 2nd I give to my son Sanford McElroy my Negro by Sam whom
he now has in his profession

Item 3rd I give to my son Shered f McElroy my Negro man Patrick
I have heretofore given to him by Dad the one hundred acres of land
on which he now resides which with the negro herein given will make
him an equal distribution of all my property

Item 4th I give to my son Micajah L McElroy my negro boy Isaac
whom he now has in his profession and I devise to him about ninety
acres of land being the same on which he now resides and the same which
I purchased from Leander and Fincy Buchanan said tract originally
containing one hundred acres ten acres of which I have reserved and
now have enclosed and in my profession it is my design to give him
four hundred dollars more before my death to aid him to purchase
more land in the event I do not give him said sum of \$400 before
decease it is my will that he have \$400 out of my estate

Item 5th I give to my son Rufus C McElroy my Negro boy Sam one
ninety four acres and one hundred and twenty four poles of land and
boundaries as follows Beginning at a sugar tree at being the North East
corner of Sherrod McElroys land running with his line South 34° pole
to a Stake his corner thence South 77° East with his line 54 poles
to an ash his corner thence South 57° East to an ash his corner
thence north 2° West 66 poles to a hickory thence North 50° East 19 poles to
a Stake in the centre of the branch thence North 2° West with a ditch
and fence 74 poles to a Stake thence North 34° West 25 poles to a
Stake at the fence thence North 8° West 29 poles to a white oak in

the north Boundary line of the original tract thence ~~west~~¹⁰⁰ poles to a Stake thence South with the west boundary of the original tract 195 poles to the Beginning Item 6th It is my design before my decease to give to my Daughter Jane Crawford a negro girl not having at this time such a one as I desire to give her in the event I do not give her the negro girl as contemplated before my decease in view thereof I give her the sum of \$800 in money to her sole and separate use during her life and at her death to all her children or their representatives

Item 7th I give to my Daughter Cynthia A Smith my Negro girl Esther now in her possession to her sole and separate use during her life and at her death to all her children or their representatives

Item 8th I give to my daughter Elizabeth A Ellis my negro girl Hester now in her possession to her sole and separate use during her life and at her death to all her children or their representatives

Item 9th I give and devise to my son Jackson McElroy my negro boy Alfred and about eighty six acres & thirty six poles of land bounded as follows Beginning at a white Oak the north East corner of the tract devised to my son Rufus C McElroy running with the same South 8° East 79 poles to a Stake at the fence thence with an other line of the same tract South 34° East 93 poles to a Stake thence with another line of the same bearing 2° East with a ditch 74 poles to a Stake in the centre of the branch thence North 76° East with the branch 42 poles to a Stake in the branch at a water gate thence North 11° West 127 poles to a Stake thence west 82 poles to the Beginning.

Item 10th I give to my son Thomas H. B. McElroy my negro boy Wesley also one thousand dollars in money and I also devise to him about thirty eight acres and eighty nine poles of land bounded as follows Beginning at a Stake the North East corner of the tract devised to my son Jackson McElroy running East 60 poles to a Stake the North East corner of the original tract thence South with the line of the same 66 poles to a Stake thence East 7 poles to a Stake in a ditch thence South with the ditch 57 poles to a Stake in the centre of the branch thence South 66° West with the branch 66 poles to a Stake in the branch at a water gate a corner of the tract devised to my son Jackson McElroy thence North 11° West with the line of the same 127 to the Beginning.

Item 11th I give to my son John A McElroy my two small negroes John and Anthony also all the land which I have devised to my wife Mary McElroy to be held by her during life and at her death then to go to my son John A McElroy.

Item 12th I give to my beloved wife Mary McElroy during her life eight Negroes and their increase to wit

Mary and her two children Pink and Mourning Gilbert Sam Robin Letty and me and at her death she may dispose of them amongst all or part of my children in such manner as she may deem equitable and best in the event my wife should not dispose of said negroes at her death then it is my will that each one of my Daughters shall have one negro girl and then all the balance of the negroes to be equally divided amongst all my children including my daughters, and excepting my son Sherrod to whom I have made greater advancements than the rest my children the negroes given in this clause to my daughters are to their sole and separate use, I also devise to my beloved wife all my land not disposed of by the previous clauses during her life, and at her death the same is to go to my son John A McElroy, I also give to her 2 horses 2 Mule & cows and calves 15 head of pork Hogs 15 Head Stock Hogs such as she may choose 50 barrels of corn 4 stacks of fodder 6 stacks of the 2 stacks of hay 4 bushels of wheat 50 lb copper 100 lbs sugar 2 barrels of salt 4 plows and gears 2 axes 4 hoes of her own choice and all my household and Kitchen furniture one wagon and 2 work Steer, Item 13th I give to each of my three grand children David William & Archibald McElroy Children of my son Sanford McElroy \$100.

Item 14th I will that all the remainder of my Estate not disposed of (if any should remain after discharging the charges herein created) be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds be Equally divided amongst my three Daughters.

Item 15th I hereby nominate and appoint my friends Ruben A McDonald and Constant Smith Executors of this my last Will and testament since sealed and published William McElroy ~~test~~ in our presence this 7th day of June 1854
Test

E M Burns
J. M. Bright

I William McElroy by way of Codicil do make and publish the following alteration in the foregoing will ~~as to wit~~ Item 1st the Negro boy Duncan bequeathed to my son Rufus having died since the time of the bequests I do hereby give and bequeath to him my Negro boy Alfred being the same bequeathed in the foregoing will to my son Jackson McElroy Item 2nd In Lieu of Alfred previously bequeathed to my son Jackson I hereby give to him my Negro boy prior given in the former will to my beloved wife Mary McElroy

Item 3 I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary McRoy during her life the following other slaves Anthony Potty Jane Mary Patrick and Charley She is hereby authorized to dispose of the same at her death by will or otherwise disposing such of my children as she may deem just and equitable the above interlaminations made before signing April 20th 1855 William McRoy
Signed sealed & published in our presence

E M Ringo
Jno M Bright

Proven in open Court February Term 1856

El L. Hodge
Clark

The Last Will and Testament of Richard Curnel deceased September the seventeenth one thousand eighteen hundred and fifty five in the name of God a men

I Richard Curnel being in a low state of health though of sound mind I do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

The first I recommend my soul to that god I gave it

I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my executor.

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Curnel all of my lands I now live on, and all of the lands may be coming to me for my services in the war of Eighteen hundred and twelve and all of my stock of all kinds with the farming tools and all of my household and kitchen furniture all of the above named property that I have bequeath unto my beloved wife to do as she pleases with and at her death the same way lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Curnel my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Richard Curnel
mark

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

H. M. Blodoe
John Leatherwood

B. W. Merrill

Proven in open Court February Term 1856

El L. Hodge Clark

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The Last will and testament of Hannah Erdens
of Hannah Erdens of Lincoln having suffered long infirmities of body but of sound mind to make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

First I direct that after my death all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money that may come into the hands of my executors

Secondly I direct that my grave and the graves and my Brothers near the cross roads in the County of Madison State of Alabama be enclosed with a stone wall the expenses of which to be paid out of my Estate

Thirdly I give and bequeath and direct to my niece Ann He Drake the following property to wit the slaves Neal Ned Jim Addison Frank Jack Harry William Henry Davy Little Neal Blaine Martha Anna Rebecca Morris Rachell Diggy Esmaeline Mary Martha Caroline Matilda Margaret Ann Rose and the present and future increase of the above mentioned

Sen. all slaves the tract of Land or which I now live with all the appertaininges my house hold and Kitchen furniture black laken white horse mules and Land Stock of every description whatsoever

The above named property together with any others which may herein after be left to or for the benefit of the said Ann He Drake is to be held by her son George Ell Moody in trust for her separate use and benefit during the continuall of the said Ann He Drake with such her present Husband Col Samuel Drake so that he shall in no wise no manner whatever have the benefit of any of it to be used managed and disposed of by the said George as she shall direct

Moreover by writing in the matter of a last will & testament or otherwise it being my object to give her also full Controll over it best not in such manner that said Drake shall ever have the benefit of any of it. The said Continuall of the said Ann He Drake with her present Husband ever cease in his lifetime than the Trust created in this item is to cease and the said Ann is to hold the property herein obtained