

William G. Spence's last Will & Testament

The last Will and Testament of William G. Spence of the State of Tennessee Lincoln County

I William G. Spence Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in form following (That is to say)

First I Will that a conveyance of the property belonging to my Personal Estate be sold to pay off all my lawful debts

I further more will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Fanny Spence all the remainder of my estate both personal and real during the term of her natural life And at her death I will ^{that} the remainder thereof be sold and the proceeds thereof be divided equally between my Children to wit Mary Ann, Martha Elizabeth, Nancy Meade, Eliza, Sarah Jane, Armintha Margaret, Hannah Brydon, Esther Wilson, Samuel Thompson, William Stewart, and Alexander Carter,

Furthermore I appoint A. M. Hallaway sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th August in the year of our Lord 1853

Wm G. Spence

Should be sealed published and declared by the above named William G. Spence to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator as witnesses

James Wiley
Alex. S. Stewart

The last Will and Testament of James M. McHenry of Lincoln County Tennessee

I James M. McHenry Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say, I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah, my negro woman, Lily (Slave) all my valuable property and my house hold and other property for and during ^{the} period of her natural life to be used for her support After her death should any valuables remain I will them to be distributed as follows. First to my eldest son John M. McHenry One third to my second son Ira M. McHenry One third to my third son James M. McHenry One third, to my fourth son L. M. McHenry I have divided ^{liberally} in my life time I therefore will him to be content with what he has received, I here by appoint Robert S. Woodard sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight

James M. McHenry

The above instrument consisting of One half sheet was now here subscribed by James M. McHenry, the testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and testament and we at his request signed our names hereunto as attesting witnesses

William M. McHenry Reading Clerk
G. W. George Reading in Court

Proven and admitted to Proven at September Term 1853 of the County Court of Lincoln County
George Cunningham