

recorded in the Book of Hills
This July 5th 1856

A. H. Bullock clerk

Last Will and Testament
of
James Sencker Deed.

I James Sencker in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make ordain and publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First. It is my will & desire that after the payment of all the just debts which I may owe at my death & the payment of my funeral expenses that the property I may own & be seized & possessed of shall be disposed of in the following manner.

Second. It is my will and desire that in the event my present wife Mary should survive me that she shall remain in charge of my house as the head of my family or such ones of my children as may wish to remain at home while they are unmarried: And it is my will and desire that all of my children who are now single shall make my house their home until they marry or until they may wish to make their homes elsewhere. And it is my will that they shall live together in the same manner as they now do during my life or as nearly so as the changed circumstances after my death will permit. That is to say I direct that the proceeds of the farm be appropriated for the support & maintenance of the family: that all shall work for the common benefit & none be charged for board or support of any kind: that my wife while she remains my widow shall be the head of the family & have control of the house & household affairs: that my son Frank shall have the control & management of the farm, farming operations stock & all out door affairs & that he provide the means of support for my wife and such of my children who may see proper to remain at home. It is my will that my wife

while she remains my widow be amply and abundantly provided for & in the event that she should not be satisfied with the provision herein before made then I direct that one third of the proceeds of the farm be controlled & disposed of by her as long as she may remain my widow. I further direct that she have one good horse for her own use, such one as she may select out of my stock & may own at my death, also two cows which she may select. If the family shall agree to live together in accordance with my desire and directions, then I direct that every thing be kept on the farm & managed for the common benefit of all members of the family: that my wife have the full use & control of all the household & kitchen furniture of all kinds while she may live or while she may remain my widow. In the event that my son Frank should not wish to take charge of the farm as herein before directed then I will & desire that some one of my other sons shall take his place & carry out my will in this respect: so that the control & management of the farm shall not go into the hands of others outside of my own family.

Third. It is my will & desire and I direct that at the death of my wife or at the time she ceases to be my widow that all the property which may be on hand be equally divided among my nine children to wit: John E. Sencker H. H. Sencker Sarah E. Hull Amanda Maria Sencker Mary S. Brunley Joseph P. H. Sencker Fannie E. Sencker Julia E. Sencker & Frank D. Sencker: that all my lands & personal property be equally divided or partitioned among them in such manner as may suit them best, but as I have advanced to my daughter Mrs Mary S. Brunley the sum of \$200⁰⁰ two hundred dollars more than would make her equal with the others, I direct that her share of my estate when divided be \$200⁰⁰ less than the others. And I further direct that before any division is made that my daughter Sarah be paid \$200⁰⁰ two hundred & fifty dollars & that my daughter Maria be paid \$300⁰⁰ three hundred

dollars or had their shares be greater by these amounts than the other children. If my children can so arrange it I prefer that the lands shall not be sold but remain the property of such ones of them as can purchase the shares of others at such prices as they may agree upon: but as to this they are left free to act as they may think best.

I hereby appoint my two sons John E. L. Sencker & H. H. L. Sencker the executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this the 21st day of November 1884.

Signed & acknowledged James Sencker
in presence of
H. S. Haynes &
Heal. H. Haynes

Proven in open court by oaths of H. S. Haynes and Heal. H. Haynes subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded in the Book of Wills. This July 6th 1886

A. H. Bullock clerk

Last Will and Testament
of
John Galloway Deceased

In the name of God Amen
I John Galloway of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament That is to say First after all my just and lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my entire estate real and personal I give bequeath dispose of as follows to wit To my beloved wife Francis Galloway all of the land and appurtenances situated thereon known and described as the old Barton Childress farm lying on the waters of Ball creek in the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee in District No 2nd together with all of my personal estate now possessed by me I further will all

titles and claim to my beloved wife of my entire estate to have at her disposal Likewise I make constitute and appoint Andrew Hawk to be executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal July 27th 1885

Subscribed and acknowledged

in our presence

Witnesses

James H. Galloway

John Barger

Andrew Hawk

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County

Personally appeared before me A. H. Bullock

clerk of the County Court

of said County P. J. Galloway and Andrew Hawk & made oath in due form of law that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of James H. Galloway and Andrew Hawk subscribing witnesses to the within instrument or Will and that their signatures to the within Will are genuine and that the said James H. Galloway and Andrew Hawk witnesses as aforesaid are both dead and that the other subscribing witness John Barger is a non-resident of this State that the Notator John Galloway sworn to and subscribed before me 5th July 1886

A. H. Bullock clk

Last Will and Testament
of
William B. Wells Deceased

In the name of God Amen
I William B. Wells of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee being of sound mind but knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die do make this my last will and testament hereby making and making void all other wills by me at any time previously made first I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may be possessed of or that