

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Mary Rayston Deed.

In the name of God Amen.

I Mary Rayston of Sullivan County State of Tennessee being of sound mind but weak in body and infirmal wher more is appointed unto all a time to die do make and set forth this writing to be my last will and testament.

1st I give and bequeath to my nephews Jas. Rayston son by my sister Fanny all the real estate which I possess being the undivided half of the tract on which I now live and on which I have for years lived with my sister Fanny lying in the 3rd civil district of Sullivan County Tennesse and joining the lands of Brimley his son Gammon Brother and others; for his use and benefit during his natural life without right to sell convey or mortgage and after his death to his son Benjamin in full title and in fee.

2d I give and bequeath to my niece Eliza daughter of my sister Betsy Peters and wife of Tom Richardson one of my beds to be selected by her from those I now now in our house with all its bedding.

3rd I give and bequeath to my Grand nephew Benjamin son of my Nephew Jas. Rayston all my household and kitchen furniture beds and bedding not otherwise disposed of together with all my live stock and personal property of whatever kind I may possess all of which property shall be under the control and in the keeping of my nephew Jas. Rayston until his son Benjamin shall have attained the age of twenty one years at which time he shall turn over to said Benjamin all of sd property with the natural increase of the same.

4th I appoint as my executor to carry in to effect this my last will and testament Chas. Leable Esq. of Sullivan County and I direct that he shall not be required to enter into any bond or give any security to qualify for sd executorship.

Done of my own free will in the full possession of all mental powers unimpaired

and without constraint or directions from any one in witness whereof I here set my hand this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1864

Mary Rayston.

Witnesses  
Geo. Gammon  
Jas. Leable

Proven in open court by saids of Geo. Gammon & Jas. Leable (3<sup>rd</sup> Notman 1864) subscribing witnesses and declared & adjudged by the court to be the last will & Testament of Mary Rayston deceased and ordered to be recorded as such in the Book of Wills.

A. C. Bullock clk

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Martin Hawks Deed

State of Tennessee } in the name  
Sullivan County } of God Amen -  
I Martin Hawks

of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind & disposing memory do make this my last will and testament in manner & form as follows. That is to say After paying all my just debts & funeral expenses I give to my son Jonathan Hawks one horse & saddle which he has received already. But he is to have thirty dollars on said horse yet to make him equal to Martin Hawks. Second I give to my son Martin Hawks one horse & saddle which he has received. Third I give unto my son James Hawks the same horse & saddle which he has received. Fourthly I give unto my son Octavius one horse & saddle which he has received. I give unto my son William Hawks my Bay filly & saddle. James Octavius & William Hawks to be made equal in bedding to Jonathan & Martin Hawks. I give unto my daughter Rosanna Doty Susan Springer, Elizabeth Barr, Catherine Hamilton, one each. on they have all received their one saddle apiece they have received them the 4 girls mentioned above I give unto them the bedding they have all received their bedding that I gave them equally. I give unto my daughter Nancy Hawks 1 cow 1 side saddle also I give her bedding to be equal to the rest of the girls above mentioned. I also give unto my Nancy Hawks forty dollars in money because she was crippled.

I bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly Hawks, all my lands & farming utensils & stock & house hold & kitchen furniture and hard money & grain which I may be possessed of as long as she lives or remains a widow, this to be sold by my executors & equally divided between all my children No. 10, 5 sons & 5 daughters all Banks notes or other notes of hand all accounts to be collected by my executors which I may be possessed of pay all my just debts and funeral expenses the balance to be equally divided between all my children above named. I appoint Jonathan Hawks, James Hawks, —— Declarre Hawks, executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I set my — and seal this 10 of July 1863 signed sealed and delivered by me Martin Hawks testator for his last will and testament in presence of us witnesses

John Barnes

John S. Leavright Pro. 3d Augt. 1863

State of Tennessee } I John C. Rutledge clerk of County  
Sullivan County } certify this foregoing to be a true copy of  
the last will and testament of Martin  
Hawks deceased, which is proven of Record in my office  
Signed under my hand and official seal at office in  
Blountville this 12 day of August 1863

John C. Rutledge atty

Filed in open court January 6<sup>th</sup> 1865 and declared by the  
court to be a true certified copy of the last will &  
Testament of Martin Hawks, deceased, and ordered to be  
recorded as such in the Books of Wills  
January 6<sup>th</sup> 1865 A. H. Bullock atty

Last Will and Testament

Southwell T. Hamilton decd

In the name of God  
Amen. I Southwell T. Hamilton of the County of  
Sullivan and State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty  
of life and the certainty of death and being of sound  
mind and memory do make ordain and establish  
this as my last will and Testament. After my  
funeral expenses are paid and all just debts are

satisfied I give and bequeath all my personal property of  
every description to my beloved wife Mary E. Hamilton  
to have and to hold against no claim or claims of all  
person or persons whatsoever. Secondly, I give and bequeath  
all my Real estate to my said Mary E. Hamilton  
consisting of lands, houses, and improvements of every kind  
with the understanding that my beloved daughter Ellen  
Hamilton shall have a comfortable support out of the  
above property during her natural life entitled to her  
rank in life and a decent burial when she is dead.  
I do further will that my gold watch shall be an  
inspiration to the above property which I give and bequeath  
to my nephew Southwell Bowie East who is twenty  
one years old. I do further will that my sister Dorcas R.  
East shall be paid out of the above property ten dollars  
in cash and that my brother George T. Hamilton shall  
be paid out of the above five dollars in cash.  
I do further will that twenty five dollars shall be set  
apart from the above property for one set of Tomb Stones  
with suitable inscriptions to be placed at the head and  
foot of my grave. I do appoint William Roberson  
executor of this my last will and testament without  
being required to give Bonds and he shall have for his  
services such remuneration as the Court may think  
just and right. January the 1st 1865

Attest  
W. A. Delaney  
T. C. Frazer

Southwell T. Hamilton

Proven in open court by oaths of W. A. Delaney  
and T. C. Frazer subscribing witnesses and declared and  
adjusted by the court to be the last will & Testament of  
Southwell T. Hamilton deceased and ordered to be recorded  
as such in the Books of Wills  
This 2 January 6, 1865. A. H. Bullock atty

Last Will and Testament  
of  
Leonard Wallace decd

In the name of God amen. On this  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1862 I Leonard Wallace being  
desirous to dispose of all my worldly effects while I am