

In the presence of the Subscribers witness
this the 7th day of April 1883. L. C. Latture
Subscribers
L. C. Latture
H. C. Curtis

Done in open Court by Deed of J. W. Latture
and H. C. Curtis subscribing witnesses & ordered
to be recorded May 9th 1883 at Bullock Clerk
13th J. D. Leake

Last Will and Testament

Probated at June
John Thomas Term 1893

In the name of God amen. I John Thomas of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty thereof and being of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following:

First I desire that all my lands not otherwise bequeathed hereafter together with my perishable property shall be sold after my decease and out of the money arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid

Second I give and bequeath unto my wife Susanna during her natural life a decent apartment in sickness and in health, say a comfortable room with a fireplace and fire whenever it is necessary or she may need to have it and also one good bed and bedding with sufficient bed clothing together with a table and six chairs and such other necessaries so as to make her comfortable also to have her meals cooked and set on the table provided she should wish to have it so and also to have her washing and mending done decently she is also to have a gentle horse whenever she may want one to ride she is also to have her side saddle it is further my request that my wife Susanna is to get fifty dollars a year in cash out of my estate as long as she lives and

to have the privilege to live with any of her children which she may make choice of the above bequeathes to her to be attended to by my executors hereafter mentioned

Third I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Thomas my plantation wherein he now lives Sullivan County Tennessee on Bear Creek adjoining the lands of George McLeahay & the lands of Leiboughs and others to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my son Frederick Thomas the plantation wherein he now lives called the Laughlin tract and also the upper end of the McLeahay tract down the Watauga road to a marked corner wood sapling where it crosses the Watauga road also Benjamin Byers and his wife share in the widow lessors down arising out of the estate of Joseph Owen dead all in Sullivan County Tennessee to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath unto my son John Thomas my home plantation wherein I now live also the tract of land known as the Jacob Knob tract also the tract of land I purchased of George Miller also three entries adjoining my home tract and also the tract I purchased of James King also the tract of land known by the name of the White tract also a tract of land called the Cowan tract also the lower end of the McLeahay tract crossing the Watauga road at the corner wood above stated to be enjoyed by him and his heirs notwithstanding my son John Thomas is to pay say four hundred dollars into my estate in four annual payments say the first payment to be made three years after my decease the balance annually

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth King my plantation wherein she now lives being the same I purchased of Joseph Learmonth adjoining the lands of John N. Delany Jas. Crockett & others Sullivan County Tennessee to be enjoyed by her and heirs forever

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my son William Thomas my tract of land lying and being in Carter County Tennessee on the Watauga River known by the name of the Christian Carrigan place adjoining the lands of Leibohs lot and others together with two entries by my son William paying the balance yet due on said entries and by paying four hundred dollars

into my estate in four annual payments the first payment to be paid four years after my decease the balance annually it is further my will and desire that if any unjust claims should be brought against the lands purchased cawled the Carriger tract that each of my children shall bear an equal part of the costs should there any accrue.

Eighth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna my tract of land lying in Sullivan County Tennessee known by the name of the Nicodemus place adjoining the lands of Wm Rivers John Peters J. D. Akard and others also a part of the Joseph Bular tract being all that I purchased off that part of the Bular tract adjoining the lands of J. W. Brisco Buij A. Bular and others by my daughter Susanna paying into my estate say three years after my decease to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever say one hundred dollars

Ninth I give and bequeath unto my sister in law Elizabeth Thomas the wife of my brother Jacob Thomas deceased twenty dollars say ten dollars to be paid one year after my death and ten dollars two years after my decease if she should live

Tenth I give and bequeath unto George B. Marsh son of Eli Marsh a riddle apparently for life say one hundred dollars to be paid twelve months after my decease

Eleventh Whereas I have heretofore given to my sons say Jacob Frederick and William certain portions of property in advance all of which I have charged each of them on Book the amount each have received also I have given my daughter Elizabeth certain property in advance with all of which she is charged on Book it is my will and desire that each of my sons say Jacob Frederick John and William all be made equal in proportion of what each have received as charged on book and also that my daughter Susanna be made equal in proportion with my Daughter Elizabeth notes given since the account has no effect on the account

Twelfth It is my will and desire as soon as convenient after my death that all my personal property be sold on a credit of twelve months and also all my real estate not heretofore bequeathed shall be sold by my executors to the best advantage for the benefit of the estate and after the several bequests above stated are

satisfied the balance of my real and personal estate is to be equally divided between all my children it is further my will and desire that if any of my children should be dissatisfied with this my last will and testament they shall only receive out of my estate real and personal two thousand dollars and no more to be paid by my executors and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Jacob Thomas Frederick Thomas and John B. King executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all that former wills and testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of June 1850

John Thomas *Seal*

Signed sealed Published and declared to be the last will and Testament of the above named John Thomas in the presence of us and at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

Eli Marsh

William Carmack

George Burkhardt

Endorsed sworn in open court 1st Sept 1851 The P. T. D. C. L. John Thomas late last will will Record New Book page 13 = Probate Term 1851

The P. T. D. C. L.

By John C. Rutledge D. C. L.

State of Tennessee } I, Thomas P. Ford, Clerk of the
Sullivan County } County Court for said County

Do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of the last will and Testament of John
Thomas deceased as will appear on file in my office
to this writing to end orante.

Gives under my hand and seal of office
in Bristolville the 13th day of September 1851
Presented to the Court June 4 1851 by the Clerk
of the County Court which was returned to John C. Rutledge D. C. L.
where the Court of Justice was convened by John C. Rutledge D. C. L.
Dated the 20th day of June 1851 by John C. Rutledge D. C. L.
Probated at same date by John C. Rutledge D. C. L.
John Sharp

Last Will and Testament of
John Sharp
Probated at same
Date
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