

First I desire that all my indebtedness and my personal expenses be paid as soon as practicable after my decease. Secondly I will and desire to my dearly beloved wife Sarah T. Childress my entire interest in the negroes and lands and other personal property which belonged to the heirs of James W. Childress deceased late of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee said lands are situated in the waters of Sandy Creek said Negroes and lands are undivided between the heirs of James W. Childress deceased and lastly I do hereby appoint (and nominate) Andrew Scott Esq. of Sullivan Co Tenn my Executor of this my last will and Testament, In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and of fixed my seal on this 20th day of June 1881

G. S. Childress Seal

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence and in the presence of the Testator on 21st day of June 1881

A. B. McFarland

G. Richardson

Monday August 9th 1883.

Be it remembered that at a County Court begun and held at the Court House in Knoxville in the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee on the 9th Monday in August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three before William H. Atchison Daniel Laughmiller & Edward Mollison Esqs. Justices commissioned and sworn to hold said Court in said County and State.

Exhibited in open Court the last will and Testament of George S. Childress deceased which was proved by the oaths of W. H. McFarland and G. Richardson the subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn according to law deposed and say that they heard the Testator acknowledge the same to be his last will and Testament and they believed him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered that said will be read and filed.

State of Tennessee. I James M. Pace Clerk of the County Court of Hawkins County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and Testament of George S. Childress deceased now on file in my office together with a transcript from the records of my Court in relation to the probate of the same.

Given under my hand and official seal at Office in Knoxville the 6th day of October 1883.

James M. Pace Clerk

By J. H. Vance St. Clerk

Will of Daniel Miller

I Daniel Miller being in feeble health and knowing the uncertainty of life but being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills or parts of wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First that my Executor pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts out of any money that I may die possessed of or otherwise first come into his hands.

Secondly I will to my beloved wife Mary Miller the farm on which I now live (adjoining Jacob Blackalmond and others) during her natural life to have the entire control of and benefit of said farm during that time. I also will to my wife my negroes Alfred Lucinda and Maria Hopkins during her life but should either of said negroes become unruly and unmanageable my Executor is hereby empowered to sell them as offending and the money arising from said sale is to be put at interest if it can during my wife's life term. I further will my wife all of my house hold and kitchen furniture of every kind and description during her life one Bacon mare named Bessie one Brown filly named Pat. four head of cattle her share all of my sheep and a sufficient quantity of farming and stock tools to set apart to her by her of my neighbors all of the balance of my stock of every description is to be sold by my executor and it is further my will that my executor hold in his hands all of the money or money is that I may die possessed of or may arise from my first sale until a suit I have pending in the Court in Washington County Virginia against John Gray for raising and educating his daughter Margaret is disposed of and he is to pay all costs or damages if any that may be adjudged against me or my estate on the final of said suit out of said money. My Executor is authorized to dispossess said suit if the said John Gray will pay the costs of the same and if the said John Gray pays the cost of said suit my Executor is authorized to deliver to his daughter Margaret a new ladies saddle I have in hands after the said mentioned before is disposed of. My Executor is to put at interest one thousand dollars during my wife's life term and if she should during her life term come to want she is to apply to the County Court and if in their judgment they are to give her or order for such amount as will keep her comfortable in my Executor out of said thousand dollars or interest of the same. I will that my wife have all of my farming utensils of all kinds all of my harness and that my Executor sell my four horse wagon and furnish my wife with one two horse wagon out of the money arising from the sale. Also my wife is to have grain of all kinds sufficient to support her said family stock as for her share of the balance of any like sold.

It is my will that my wife Mary Miller is at liberty to sell to whoever she please two beds bedding and stable stock or any property willed to her directly by me also the one thousand dollars or any part of it that is required by this will to be kept by my Executor at interest as a ready money fund for her benefit to use as she please except the children or their heirs of John Gray and Joseph A. Miller who are to be forever barred from receiving any part of said property directly or indirectly.

directly the balance of the household and kitchen furniture at my wife's death is to be sold by my Executors. It is my will that at my wife's death that my two nephews John and Richard Miller sons of my Brother Richard Miller have my farm on which I now live also the three negroes mentioned in this will together with their increase if any or the proceeds of said negroes if they have to be sold to share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. I furthermore will that after all of my debts are paid and the one thousand dollars herebefore set apart for the benefit of my wife out of any other moneys in my Executors hands be to pay my two nephews David and Thomas Miller sons of my Thomas Miller Five hundred dollars three hundred to David and two hundred to Thomas in the currency of the country, if there is any money left after paying the foregoing bequests, it is my will and desire that my Executors pay Christina & Elizabeth Miller each fifty dollars, Matilda Frank fifty dollars Edw Lewis fifty dollars, also Daniel the Boston fifty dollars if there is not money enough in my Executors hands to pay the five last bequests, it is my will that at my wife's death, John & Richard Miller be required to make up the deficit; I further authorize my Executors to make a little to Selover. Being for a tract of land I sold him on his paying the purchase money. After paying all of the foregoing bequests if there is any money in my Executors hands it is to be equally divided between the Presbyterian & Baptist Churches at Colchester provided they erect a Baptist Church at that place if not one half to the Baptist Church on Halston river near John Tennes. It is expressly my will that John Bailey shall have no control or anything to do with the farm or property until to my wife, all of the foregoing bequests are to be paid in the currency of the country. Lastly I do nominate and appoint John Miller and George R. McCallan my Executors.

Daniel Miller test

Signed Sealed in the presence of us this the 5th day of July 1853.
 Jacob Miller Sec Henry Washburn
 Henry Fisher Nathan Bolton Proven 2nd Aug 1853

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This entail is made expressly for the sole purpose to require my two nephews John and Richard Miller sons of my Brother Richard Miller after my death also the daughter of my wife Mary Miller they are required to have both our graves enclosed with a wall of masonry of sufficient height and thickness to make it double of what they now are to place at the head & foot of each grave pointed tombs stones with suitable inscriptions in the same this 10th day of July 1853.

Signed and acknowledged in the presence

Jacob Miller Sec

Henry Fisher

Daniel Miller

Proven 2nd August 1853.

State of Tennessee
 County of Sullivan

I John C. Rutledge clerk of the county court for said county hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the last will and Testament of Daniel Miller dec'd which is proven of record in my office. Given under my hand and official seal at office in Blountville this 16th day of August 1853.

John C. Rutledge clerk

Will of Lewis Gardner.

I Lewis Gardner of Sullivan County Tennessee and a free man of color do hereby revoke all other wills heretofore made by me, and do make and publish and declare this as my last will and Testament. I give devise and bequeath my estate real and personal as follows, viz, I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth Gardner (widow) she survive me, my home plantation which I now live containing about one hundred acres and adjoining William Hamaker, George Welford David Hearn, and William Welford during her natural life, and at the death of the said Elizabeth Gardner, I desire the tract of land to be the property of and to be hereby devise and give the same to the heirs at law of Lawrence Stephens dec'd, who died in the county of Wythe in the State of Virginia and the advancement age of one hundred years. As I am informed that some of the children of the said Lawrence Stephens are dead but are represented their heirs at law therefore I desire that the grand children of the said Lawrence Stephens shall be entitled to and receive the same amount of the rent and profits of said tracts of land up to the expiration of the life of the said Elizabeth Gardner as the father of said children would be entitled to if living. It is my earnest desire that said tract of land be not sold but that the same be placed in the hands of a trustee who shall be appointed who shall be appointed by the chancery court of Sullivan County & who shall require said trustee to give Bond with sufficient security and obligand that he will rent out said tract of land divided as aforesaid to the said Elizabeth Gardner yearly that he will collect the same annually and pay over to the heirs of the said Lawrence Stephens as they shall be entitled to the same under a previous clause of this will - but said trustee shall not be appointed until after the death of the said Elizabeth Gardner. It is my earnest desire if not contrary to the Policy of the laws of Tennessee that the said tract of land be and remain a source from which the trustee who shall be appointed as aforesaid mentioned may collect annually a sum to be distributed as aforesaid would the issue of said Lawrence Stephens shall become extinct but should the heirs of the said Lawrence Stephens after the life estate of the said Elizabeth Gardner is at an end, devise a sale of said tract of land and a distribution of the proceeds they may do so if they prefer or if a majority prefer it. It is my will that as soon after my death as convenient that my Executors herein to be named shall sell at public or private sale all the personal property that my wife may not have under should she survive me, I desire and bequeath the sum of fifty dollars to be paid by my Executors after my death to _____ (said sum to be paid at the time of my death) of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal