

Will of William Rockhold Deed

I William Rockhold of Sullivan County Tennessee knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof being sixty six years old the fifteenth of last May as per record in my bible do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills Codicils or parts of wills that I may have made before the making of these presents. First of all it is my will when I die my sole return to God who gave it And that my body be buried in my orchard in a plain and Christian like manner, and that my funeral expenses be paid by my wife & come out of my estate and that all my honest debts be paid by my Executors and Executor. It is my will and desire that my dear wife Harriet Rockhold and my son William W Rockhold be my Executors, Executor and that the Court permit them to execute this will on their own bond with out giving security. Whereas William W Rockhold has had certain gifts and conveyances made to him recently which is all in writing and he has given me in writing to do certain things in selling my business and providing for my family the writing is in a bound Book in my desk marked A. with my name on the back of it is my will the said given him not to be taken in any under false pretense law or formal settlement division of my estate it is my will that my will that my wife & four single daughters be provided for out of the proceeds of my estate as long as they live single in the usual economical way but that I have kept them single they many my wife excepted but when marry their expenses cease, and my son and wife on their marriage or any of them as the case may be is required to provide for them as near as may be in the same way that I provided for Mary and Wash when they left me, and it is my will that my daughter Elizabeth be educated out of the proceeds of my estate and for her education to be made equal to any of my daughters It is my will at the end of ten years my wife and some or either of them whom may survive in their Executor's mind up and divide my estate equal among all my children living, what I have done so far changed in family Book into the division for Mary a third. It is my will that my wife keep during her natural life any part of my estate she may think proper. It is my will that my wife & some continue the stone farm lands and stock together as long as they please and to sell either real or personal estate at their discretion so that the dividend and wind up in ten years from the date of my death And making a will is a solemn act to the Pastor, I do acknowledge this my will and Testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this 17th day of Oct 1844

William Rockhold, Deed

Seal Murrell

William Murrell

James Murrell

Proven 20th June 1845,

I William Rockhold of Sullivan County Tennessee in my seventy sixth year of age in the name of God amen do make and ordain this last will and Testament of my will created with my seal and witnessed by Seal Murrell William Murrell and James Murrell On the seventeenth day of Oct 1844 the length of time that the original will has been made and the changes in the situation of my family makes it necessary for this change in my original will to wit. In the original will I imposed it on my Executors and Executor to carry on the business of the store and farm for ten years with out making dividend except they were at liberty to draw out partially to any of my children as they saw necessity required & it is now my will that William W Rockhold at his discretion close up our firm business at the store in three years or sooner if convenient and if he carries on the same his note on business is to be done on the prompt payment system, and that he is to proceed as soon as practicable to close our Mercantile business as to Credit that he my present partner may be ready to settle with the rest of my heirs It is my will that John W Whinn act as Executor with my wife and son W Rockhold and that he said John is not required to take upon himself the responsibility of collecting the store debts, that he William W Rockhold be only required to furnish an aggregate of the account and Mr Whinn my wife and William W Rockhold make the distribution from the aggregate. It is further my will that if any of my said heirs files bills of exchange or in any wise goes to law or any person for them or by or under them or in any other part of my estate the same person or individual are out out of any part of my estate. From a contract between William W Rockhold and myself my farm and family gets what goods they want &c at the store without charge, and any surplus that be in the store that I may think I have to spare, it is my will that contracts goes on for the three years and at the end of three years my farm return its usual stock, farming implements and the farm kept in repair. It is further my will that young Rockhold take my household or farm at ten thousand dollars payable in one and two years should he decline to do so, it is my will that the farm be sold at public sale on one and two year credit taking security and retaining the title until the purchase money is paid. I do strongly forbid any of my heirs purchasing and dividing the land but it is expressly my will that William W Rockhold first purchase the farm, if the heirs among themselves can divide the land and mutually agree they can divide the land into two tracts and settle on it but if any one of them sell their individual interest other than to the family I disavow them from any interest in my estate. It is further my will that none of mine or our servants be sold out of the family except they become so turbulent that they cannot be managed. It is also my will that Eli and his wife and Eliza not be separated. It further my will that my wife

all my house hold and kitchen furniture, that she have choice of three of my servants for during her natural life that she have an interest in the farm say to the one half of the proceeds thereof during her natural life and should the farm stock sufficient to keep in a good horse and saddle and five hundred dollars cost as she may call for it. It is further my will that Executors sell any of my out land for the benefit of my heirs either in this County or Carter County and make titles for the same. It is further my will that real estate coming Margaret be paid over to her and that it may be laid out for land or negroes as she may choose for the exclusive benefit of herself and the heirs of her body. And it is further my will that my daughter, Elizabeth have her horse and saddle servant girl, Pess and such furniture as my other daughters received when they left me, and that the same be charged on my family But and to be charged out of her portion of my estate, and that she be charged for the negroes at the same price that the other girls were charged for their servants. Thusly reading all the wills or testaments that may have ever made before the sealing of these presents acknowledged my will of the last testament of October 1844 and this Certificate as my last will and Testament this 9th day of January 1846

Witness

James B. Worley
William Murrell

Done 8th Jan. 1846

John C. Rutledge Seal

State of Tennessee }
Sullivan County } I John C. Rutledge Clerk of the said County and for
and being duly sworn do hereby certify the foregoing to be a
true and correct copy of the last will and Testament of
William Rutledge dec'd together with the Certificate thereto as appears from
of record in my office Given under my hand at Office this 21st day
of March 1846

John C. Rutledge Clerk

Will of Abraham M. Booker

I Abraham M. Booker being of sound mind and memory, yet feeble in health and knowing the certainty of death, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other will by me made. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor or Executrix. And it is my will and I bequeath that all my real and personal property go to my beloved wife Harriett Booker and she is to have the sole control of the same for her Benefit and son Benjamin F. Booker, Beneficiary until my son Benjamin F. Booker arrives at the age of Twenty one years and at that age if my wife and son don't agree it is then my will that my wife have one third value of my real and personal estate that may then be had at that time. And it is my will and desire that if my wife Harriett Booker should marry before my son Benjamin F. Booker arrives at the age of Twenty one years that all my personal property shall be sold and the proceeds divided between my wife Harriett Booker and my son Benjamin F. Booker my wife Harriett Booker to have one third of the proceeds and my son Benjamin the other two thirds and should my wife Harriett Booker marry it is my will that she have one third of the value of my real estate on division and my son to have the other two thirds. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Harriett Booker and my Brother James Booker my Executor and Executrix they are not to give bond as witnesses whereof I do to this set my hand and seal this 9th day of Sept 1847

A M. Booker Seal

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have Subscribed ~~in~~ names here to in the presence of the Testator this 9th day of Sept 1847

J. B. Brown
W. D. Rutledge
Robt. B. Hines