

State of Tennessee Sullivan County

Will of Wm. Booker

In the name of God Amen.

I William Booker of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee being in a weak state of body but perfect and sound mind & memory and understanding the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs such then by the better prepared I have this world when I shall leave the Body and my heirs I do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following viz.

- 1st I will that so much of my personal property as may be necessary to cover the expenses of my funeral and also to pay and settle my debts be sold to the highest bidder until the money applied to shall be paid.
- 2nd I will that my wife Lydia shall have and hold my house farm with two horses and all the stock together with household and kitchen furniture and two new farming tools and other tools also the crop and all produce that may be on hand growing and growing and also two bad birds bedding for my daughter Adeline, one cow and two and bedding for my daughter Adeline so as to make them equal with my married children. The balance my wife is to hold during her natural life.
- 3rd I will that after the death of my wife Lydia all the property and land be sold and equally divided between my eight children: Mahada Catharine Isaac George John Silvester Hiram North Bennett William Russell and Andrew with the express understanding that my two daughters Adeline and Sophia have the privilege of living on my premises that is to say one room under her door and water whiff to remain single.
- 4th I will that my other farm be rented out during the natural life of my wife and the said will be between my eight children yearly.
- 5th I will that my two sons-in-law and Elizabeth over my wife during her life and after her death to live with either of my children they may choose always having their choice. The one son-in-law having more word and also Elizabeth is to pay each of them two dollars

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of their every day clothing for their wives and for other clothing as occasioned they are not to be prohibited from going to preaching occasionally. John S. Booker will see that the two dollars is appropriated in that way and should the two dollars not be used as here directed it must be saved for them when they get old. If Andrew becomes ungovernable my wife Lydia shall have the privilege of hiring him out and she be the judge of that.

6th It is my will that my son-in-law James Russell have no control or management of my property, real or personal, so far as my daughter's interest is concerned after the death of my wife.

7th I nominate and appoint my son John S. Booker and my brother Benjamin Booker executors of this my last will and testament in which nothing is mentioned all former wills and acknowledgments to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 1st day of July 1850.

Wm. Booker

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence and by us in presence of our names in the presence of the notary the day and date above written.

Teste

David Smith

James Rimmer

Proven in open Court the 2nd day of Sept 1850 before the State of Tennessee - Sullivan County - Thomas D. Clark Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do hereby certify that this is a true copy of William Booker's last will and testament as offered of record and filed in my office in Blountville the 16th day of December 1850.

Thos D. Clark

The foregoing instrument was set up as the last will and testament of William Booker deceased April 1872 James R. Rader Clerk