

Sarah Doak's Will. (continued)

natural life. I also have the privilege of keeping as much stock in the place as I see proper while I live. - Lastly, I appoint my two sons, *William Doak* and *Samuel A. Doak* Executors of this my last will and testament, where I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st September 1840.

*William Doak,
Samuel A. Doak,
Joshua Green.*

(Signed) Sarah Doak (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oaths of *William Doak* and *Joshua Green*, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at the September Term of the County Court, and ordered to be recorded.

Catharine Miller's Will

Be it remembered that *Catharine Miller* of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will or wills by me made, in manner and form as follows: First, I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner. Second, My will and desire is that all my just debts be fully paid. Third, My will and desire is that all my personal property of every kind that my beloved son-in-law and daughter *Adam* and *Margaret Bell* shall have at my death. Fourth, My will and desire is that the amount of money I may have at my decease if any my son-in-law and daughter *Adam* and *Margaret Bell* is to have.

5th. My will and desire is that *James White* be my Executor. 6th. My desire is that County shall not be required of Executors. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of November 1842.

*John Longmire,
George Branch,
Chas. & Hill*

Catharine Miller (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oaths of *John Longmire* and *George Branch*, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, at the November Term of the County Court for the year 1842, and ordered to be recorded.

Benjamin McLean's Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I, *Benjamin McLean* of Washington County in the State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and understanding, and considering this certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, and thereby be better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me hence, I therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: That is to say: First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named, and after my debt and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows:

Item 1st I give and devise unto *Richard McLean* my brother, all my real and personal estate to him the said *Richard McLean* and his heirs and assigns lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint *Richard McLean* my brother to be the Executor of my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Benjamin McLean (Seal)

Signed, sealed, and published and declared by *Benjamin McLean* the above named Testator as and for his last will and testament, in the presence, and in the presence of each other, two subscribing witnesses whose names are subscribed thereto.

*Johnathan Rusk,
William B. Rusk,
George A. Rusk*

The above will was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of *Johnathan Rusk* and *William B. Rusk* at the February Term of County Court 1849, and ordered to be recorded.

Elizabeth Aikens Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I, *Elizabeth Aikens* of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in perfect possession of my mental faculties, but admonished by my increasing infirmities and advanced age of my mortality, do make and publish this my last will and testament, to wit: To my beloved grand daughter *Evadine B. Sackett*, I will and bequeath four years' service of my negro woman *Eliza* to commence immediately after my death. To my beloved grand daughter, *Adelaide E. Sumner*, formerly *Adelaide E. Aikens* I will and bequeath the services of my negro boy *Bill*, the son of *Eliza* aforesaid until he is twenty years of age, or shall own *Bill* be of, or over, or less than twenty years of age.

Elizabeth Acker's will.

and desire that he shall serve my sd grand daughter for the term of four years after my death.

It is my will and desire that my sd negro slaves Eliza and Bell, after having performed the terms of service aforesaid, shall thereafter have their freedom without expatriation, if the laws of the State when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service aforesaid, shall permit their emancipation, or if this cannot be emancipated in accordance with the laws of the State, when they may be at the time of my death, or at the expiration of their respective terms of service, it is my will and desire that they be permitted to emigrate, either to a free State or to Liberia, as they, or either of them, may elect. But if they or either of them shall decline to accept of their freedom on the terms aforesaid, it is my will and desire that they, or either of them, so declining, be and remain slaves for life generally, as aforesaid, to the sd Carolina B. Shackelford & Sarah C. Sumner their heirs and assigns. The increase of Eliza, if any, shall be for with her or remain in servitude as the case may be, provided that she the sd Eliza shall pay by her additional services to the sd Carolina B. Shackelford for any trouble and expense she may occasion in the rearing of any children she may have during or prior to her said four years term of service. Said additional services to be regulated according as shall be considered fit and reasonable by my Executor hereinafter named, who is hereby requested to see that the sd negroes Eliza and Bell personally have the election herein before mentioned, and upon their declining to accept their freedom on the terms proposed by my said Executor, shall upon their delivery to my said grand daughters, or their husbands, heirs or agents or assigns, be discharged from all further responsibility respecting them.

It is further my will and bequest to my beloved sister Margaret Deadrick my Cherry Runan with all its contents at the time of my death, and also my large looking glass.

It is further my will and bequest to my grand daughter Adelaide E. Sumner my bed and bed clothes.

It is hereby nominate and appoint my nephew John H. Deadrick the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of June in the year 1843.

Elizabeth Acker's Decd.

Witnessed-

John H. Deadrick,

Adelaide E. Deadrick

The foregoing will was only proven in open court February Term 1845, by the oath of John H. Deadrick, one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be recorded.

Mrs Sevier's will.

Memorandum. I am about my property disposed of after my death. November 18th 1843 (to wit) Elbert my son to have my clock. Elbridge to have desk and large glass. Elizabeth Sevier to have the large drawn. Minerva to have the two set tables. Mary to have the little galley leaf table and the two half round and the dining table if she will have them. Louisa to have the soup ladle her mother gave her. Mary E. Sevier to have one set of tea spoons. Rewena Sevier to have one set of tea spoons, the large spoons to be equal between Elsie Louisa and Mary two each. John to Sevier to have a bedstead, bed and furniture. Elsie Stuart the bedstead bed and furniture. Sarah Lewis Sevier bed and furniture. Ann Stuart to have the Bureau her grand mother gave it to her. The little bed with some furniture (if any) to go to Sarah Elsie for her children. Sarah Elsie to have the bed curtains. There is nothing in the house to be sold - it must be parcelled out by Elbert and Mr. J. H. Stone and given to the girls. My house, cows, pigs and sheep and all my crop that may be in hand, and all my farming utensils of every kind, with all my stock or furniture to be sold and the money divided equally among all my children. Elbert and Fannie H. Sevier will attend the selling of the property. I have few or no debts to settling. (I revoke the clause for the division of the money until three hundred dollars are paid Alexander M. Nelson which is all I intend them to see.) The balance of Mr. S. A. Stone's note (if any at my death) he must pay it over all my daughters in equal sums to be paid in more than six at twelve or eighteen months and so. This instrument can be proven by some person acquainted with my handwriting if necessary as the whole is written by myself. September 7th, 1844.

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of C. B. Sevier, Esq., before the expiration of the hour that the signature and handwritings were given the Testator, at February term, 1847; and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Edwards will.

I Thomas Edwards of the County of Washington and State of Virginia Planter do make and publish this my last will and testament in lawfully executing and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred at in the County aforesaid in a manner suitable to my condition in life, but as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to interest me with, I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as may be.

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