

Daniel Bayless's will.

I Daniel Bayless of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following (My first, It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid by my Executor out of the first moneys that come into his hands arising from my estate as soon as practicable after my death. Article Second: I will and bequeath to my son Wilson Bayless the plantation on which I now reside containing by estimation one hundred and sixty five acres, both same more or less, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, together with all the stock, farming utensils, and personal property of every kind. I also give to said Wilson my Negro Boy commonly called Pede, my Negro woman named Phillis (and any increase she may have) and my Negro boy Thomas — Art Third — Having heretofore given my son Henry a plantation and other property, I now give and bequeath to him, only the following property, namely my Negro boy friendly and my Negro girl called Mary. Should there be any cash or cash notes belonging to my Estate at the time of my death, over and above what is necessary to carry out the first section of this will, it is my will that it be equally divided between both my sons Henry and Wilson.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Wilson Bayless the Executor of this my last will without requiring any security of him, and hereby revoke all other wills heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 21st day of May 1856.

Daniel Bayless *Requid*

G. W. Seeford
Abraham Seeford

(1/2 words)

The foregoing will was duly proved in open Court at June Term by A. Seeford and at July Term 1857, Subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and Wilson Bayless the Executor named therein appeared in open Court and was duly qualified according to the will.

Henry Bayless

John Bacon's will.

I, John Bacon of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made —

First — I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor, hereinafter named —

Secondly — I give and bequeath to my son Lee Bacon the plantation on which I now live, to him his heirs and assigns forever, of which my wife Elizabeth Bacon is to have a good and comfortable support during her natural life or widowhood. I also give and bequeath unto my son Jesse Bacon the Negro man named Bess or four hundred dollars in money, which ever he may choose —

Thirdly — I give and bequeath unto my son Mark Bacon the other plantation known as the Ryth plantation, with my interest in the first and save miles to him his heirs and assigns forever also I give him three hundred dollars in money —

Fourthly — I direct that the balance of my personal estate, be sold by my Executor and all my debts collected, and equally divided between my four daughters, viz. Malinda Ryker, Dalmey Slizer, Silata Bayless and Pally Ann Chase.

Fifthly my Black woman Charity I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Bacon during her natural life, and then to be sold by my Executor, and equally divided as my other property among my four daughters. It is my wish and desire that all my personal estate should be equally divided among my four daughters without a sale. If they can agree on a divide, if not to be sold as above directed and divided —

Lastly — I hereby nominate and appoint my son Mark Bacon Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of September 1851. Signed sealed & acknowledged John Bacon Seal
In our presence the date above
John H. Crawford
James W. Dyer
J. H. Smith

John Bacons Will.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of J. H. Crauford one of the subscribing witnesses. And the death and hand writing of W. H. Smith one of the other witnesses, was duly proven by the oath of A. G. Mason & Col. W. A. Lusk on Oct. Term 1857. The same order to be recorded & Mark Bacon the Executor named therein appears in open Court & was duly qualified & gave bond sufficient security.

Wm. Ross Clerk

Jane Baracraft Will

I, Jane Baracraft of the County of Washington (County of Tennessee) being weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing judgment. But fearing to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make a will and ordain this as my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

Section 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Ann Baracraft, Drift Dollars. Section 2nd I give and bequeath to my Grandson, Andrew Belle Drift Dollars.

Section 3rd I give and bequeath to the American Mission Association, Presbyterian Church, Three Hundred dollars.

Section 4th Whatever may remain of my Estate both real and personal after satisfying the above bequests I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Jane Baracraft, Martha Baracraft & Elizabeth Baracraft to be equally divided between them. Lastly I hereby name and appoint my daughters, Jane, Martha and Elizabeth Baracraft my sole Executors of this my last will and testament without requiring bond or security. - Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of February 1852.

In presence of
E. L. Wether, February 7, 1852, Jane Baracraft
J. E. Lynn

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by E. L. Wether at Sept. Term & J. E. Lynn at Oct. Term, both being qualified witnesses thereto & the same order to be recorded & the same & Martha two of the Executors named therein appear in open Court & was duly qualified.

Wm. Ross Clerk

Michael Star Will

I Michael Star being of a sound mind and in the fear of God do hereby make my last will and testament first my funeral expenses shall be paid out of what I have. Second I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly Galloway one bed quilt and two cotton dresses and an equal part of the money with Martha Star after all my funeral expenses are satisfied Third I give and bequeath unto Mary Combs two Dollars Fourth I give and bequeath unto George Galloway one Dollar.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha my Corn and all the Hogs with all the bedding and cooking utensils and all that is in the House with the exception of one dress & is Catharine Combs and one dress for Emaline Warrick. Whereunto I this day set my name and put my seal - January 10th 1853

Michael Star
mark

In presence of
William W. Bacons
James Bacons

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by W. W. Bacons and James Bacons at Oct. Term 1853. And the said James Bacons duly qualified as Administrator.

Wm. Ross Clerk

John Bacon Will (of Seal)

I John Bacon considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and certain of death, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made first I give my soul to God. Second I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money is that I may die possessor of. Third I give and bequeath to my loving wife to have the use of my personal property after my debts are paid and to have the same