

### Thomas Edwards will.

first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal. — Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Edwards, my household and kitchen furniture, and farming utensils, also my grangemare, and one cow, and also it is my will and desire that she remain in possession, and have the benefits of such portion of lands as shall remain after paying all my debts during <sup>her</sup> widowhood — or natural life. — Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my two daughters, Mary and Matilda Edwards, one horse, saddle and bridle, and one cow each to be equal in value with the rest of the property I have give to my heirs. — Fourthly, after the widowhood or death of my aforesaid wife, it is my will and desire that all my lands or property that shall remain to be equally divided among my heirs. I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed son in law H. J. Erwin Esq, and my beloved son John Edwards, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I, Thomas Edwards, the said Testator, have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1844. Signed Sealed,

and published in presence of us

George Tilton,  
Samuel H. Bogart

Thomas Edwards (read)  
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The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, Sub Term 1849, by the oath of George Tilton and Saml H. Bogart, and ordered to be recorded.

### Jonathan Barcroft's Will.

I Jonathan Barcroft, of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament: Believing it a duty to dispose of my property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in the following manner: First, to my beloved wife Jane Barcroft, and my beloved children, Jane Barcroft, Ambrose Barcroft, Elizabeth Barcroft, and Martha Barcroft, I give and bequeath all my property, both real and personal, after paying the herein after mentioned legacies, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, or if my beloved wife should make choice, it is my desire and will that she have such portion thereof as is by the laws of this State left to the widows of intestates. Second, To my grand son, Ambrose Bell, son of John and Wiley Bell, I leave and bequeath the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, or at some thereafter as he may demand the same, and if he should die before the above mentioned

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time, or before he apply for it then and in that event, it is to revert to my estate, and be equally divided between my before named children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. Third, I leave and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cowan, the one half of the plantation I own in Greene County, including the end on which she lives, during her natural life time, which land at the death of my beloved daughter Mary, is to be equally divided between my before mentioned children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Cowan, fifteen dollars annually during her natural life, which my Executors are to pay to her yearly, during her natural life time. Lastly, I hereby name and appoint my daughters Jane and Martha Barcroft my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me made. And my desire is that they be exempted from giving account for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1844.

Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned, who witnessed the same at the request of the Testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other as his last will and testament.

Jonathan Barcroft (read)

James M. Pherson  
James M. Duncan  
Samuel J. Powell

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, by the oath of James M. Pherson and Samuel J. Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, August Term, 1848, and ordered to be recorded.

### Thomas R. Kennedy's Will.

I, Thomas R. Kennedy, of the County and State of Tennessee, being afflicted in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament. — It is my desire that my funeral expenses with all my just debts be paid out of my estate, and in order to enable my Executors to the same, it is my desire that all the surplus property belonging to my estate be sold at public vendue, giving a reasonable credit to the purchaser, and that my wife be consulted by my Executors as to what property can be best spared so as not to interfere with the comfort or convenience of my family; and also, that my boy Dick, a slave for life, be sold, either at public vendue or private sale, as my Executors may think best for the interest of my estate, and after the payment of all my just debts by my Executors, should there be any money left in the hands of my Executors it is my desire that it be paid to my wife.