

## Thebe Youngs Will

In the name of God Amen

I Thebe Young of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being in perfect mind calling to mind the mortality of life and certainty of death I make this my last will and testament in the following manner (Wt), I give & bequeath unto my four youngest children that is to say Joseph Thebe Robert & Arny four of the Chunks of the cows of the stock now belonging to me. I also give & bequeath to daughter Thibe & Arny each of them one feather bed & furniture & each one a Shining Wheel. I also give & bequeath unto Joseph & Robert my sons all the plantation Tools I allow also the balance of the stock to be ~~done~~ or as much as will satisfy the debts & the rest of the property to be divided between Polly Emma Lanny & Betty. Signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us this 10th of February 1810  
Thebe Young (Seal)

James Young - { The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of Edward  
Thomson and James Young the Subscribing witnesses there to at  
May before 1810 & was then recorded - Jonathan Young and James Young administrators with a  
copy of the foregoing will annexed & qualified as the law directs -

## Abraham Smith Will

Abraham Smith of Washington County & State of Tennessee former burgess & clerk but of perfect mind & memory & calling to mind the Mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men to die do make & declare this my last will & testament in even following that is to say. I give & bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body to be decently buried in friends burying ground and my worldly estate I bequeath in the following manner - I bequeath to my wife Martha Smith all the moveable property that is on the plantation whereon she now lives as long as she remains a widow. This to be divided amongst the children to the best advantage by my executors for the benefit of the heirs which hereafter will be named the heirs is but to be done unless it will fetch six dollars & five in cash and then to be divided equally amongst the children except Isaac & Gray Smith of which my wife Martha Smith is to receive a child's part and to live on the place until it is sold and keep the benefit thereof with paying my last debts if there should be any of the debts that should be in my age then doubly to be put to interest till they should come of age. To my eldest son Isaac & Gray Smith I will then the land they now live on in the County the State of above mentioned with the loan of five shillings each to be paid for ever. To my two eldest daughters Rachel & Hannah is to receive equal with the rest of the heirs with what they have already received which is one hundred eighty six dollars & eighty three cents each putting all off and equal footing I do bequeath appraised and Clop & Isaac Harmon sole trustees of this my last will & testament & do hereby declare & make all other testament written by me made & confirmed this & no other to be my last will & testament signed & delivered in the presence of us here the twenty fifth one thousand eight hundred & thirty one Abraham Smith (Seal)  
That William Smith the foregoing will was proven in court by the affirmation of Wm Smith & Ed Thompson

## Mary Youngs will

The name of God Amen

I Mary Young widow of Washington County & State of Tennessee being in the abundant mercy & goodness of God the weak in body yet of a sound & perfect understanding memory do constitute this my last will & testament and declare it to be received by all as such and I most humbly bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to earth from whence I was taken as for my house I desire it to be decedent without pomp or state as to my worldly estate I will & positively own that all my last debts be paid. Secondly I will & bequeath to my son James some Devises part of land that I purchased that part that fell to him as legatee of the estate of Thomas Young Sr & I allow James to pay his son Thomas fifty dollars when he becomes of age & I allow James to pay to Thomas Riddle Devis fifty dollars when he becomes of age. Thirdly To my daughter Polly I will & bequeath to her an equal part as James & Jane her got as legatee and as legatee to the equal to James. Fourthly I will and bequeath to my son William & my daughter Betty all the remainder of my estate and to William I leave a certain gray horse called Cherry and his gun the latter have a certain gray mare called Blaze. Fifthly My will & desire is that my son James calla Amy is to be the sole heir at my death. Sixthly and do constitute and appoint Joseph Young and James Young my son executors of this my last will and testament and trustees for William and Betty. In writing whereof I have recited all my house and seal this 29th day of March 1808

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Mary X Young (Seal)  
Mark J

John Parker & Bernard Bowman }  
as & his } Do an additional request of Mary Young to my last will and  
Mark } testament is as follows that I desire my son James & my two  
daughters Jane and Mary ten dollars to each of them and above what was  
left them in my will this 7th day July 1810  
John Parker -

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of John Parker and Bernard Bowman the Subscribing witnesses there to at August before 1810 and the Corroborated by the Oath of John Parker the witness there to and the same is ordered to be recorded

## Joseph Barnes Will

The name of God Amen

I Joseph Barnes of Washington County & State of Tennessee being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory. Thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & declare this my last will & testament that is to say. First of all I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it - and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate I bequeath it both please God to bless me in this life I give & bequeath & dispose of in the following manner

## Joseph Barnes Will

the lands and tenements for the maintenance of her and my dear children during her widowhood and of the third Mary she is then to pay to my children no more than one third of the estate & after her death the my children is to have all the estate what remains after my debts is discharged and my debt is to be paid out of what is due to me the movable property is likewise to be left for the maintenance of the family and when the children is of age they are to divide equal and Joseph Barnes executor and Mary Barnes executrix I hereby declare this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Joseph Barnes as his last will & testament in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

John White  
Jacob Holt

Joseph Barnes (Seal)  
mk

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of John White & Jacob Holt the subscribing witnesses thereto at February Sessions 1811 & orders to be rendered Joseph Barnes & Mary Barnes qualified as executor & executrix to the foregoing will

## Christian White Will

In the name of God Amen

Whereas it being apprehended for all men to die & at this time being weak in body but of sound mind & memory I have some worldly property which I do dispose of in the following manner Concerning of which I do make & declare this to be my last will & testament In the first place I do bequeath and name especially and absolutely appoint my true and loving wife Elizabeth to be my sole executrix and I do give & bequeath to her all & my whole all my worldly property to be disposed of among my heirs at her discretion and at any time she may think proper before or at her death In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand & seal the twenty fourth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred & ten

William Sanders  
Christian Felly

Christian White (Seal)  
mk

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of William Sanders and Christian Felly the subscribing witnesses thereto at February Sessions 1811 & orders to be rendered Elizabeth White qualified as executrix of the foregoing will

## John Copson Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Copson of the county of Westington and State of Tennessee being sick & weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory hereby be unto the Almighty for all his mercies and calling to mind the mortality of my body and it is appointed for all men once to die do make and constitute this instrument of writing as my last will & testament in manner and form following (to-wit) First & principally I recommend my immortal soul into Almighty God who gave it. My body to the earth from whence it was taken to be interred in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named And for such worldly goods or property with which it has pleased God in his goodness to bless me I give & dispose of the same in manner following I appoint my wife & require that all my last debts and funeral charges be charged or paid out of my personal estate as soon as possible after my decease. Then I give and bequeath unto my two sons John E. Copson and Isaac V. Copson all the plantation known as now live containing three hundred & twenty four acres to be equally divided with respect to quantity between them subject nevertheless to the rents <sup>profits</sup> <sup>improvements</sup> hereafter bequeathed unto my beloved wife Margaret Copson unto them my said sons John E. Copson & Isaac V. Copson their heirs and assigns for ever and my wife is that my son John E. Copson have the south end of my said plantation it being the same whereon I now live & bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Johnson one dollar then I give & bequeath unto my daughter Matilda Johnson one dollar both the above mentioned sums to be discharged with trade in the course of twelve months after my decease I will & bequeath unto my remaining daughter Nancy White Copson Elizabeth Copson Sarah Ann Copson & Mary Copson Maria Copson & Mary Copson one dollar each to be discharged with trade in the course of twelve months after my decease or as soon as they respectively arrive at majority then I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret for all the profits arising or accruing from my plantation during her natural life & after her death my will is that the same be divided between my two sons John E. Copson & Isaac V. Copson as above directed. I further will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Copson all and singular my personal estates to be entirely at her disposal during full discretion and confidence in her discretion & ~~disposal~~ and that she will dispose the same in such a manner as will be most conducive to her own advantage and the benefit of our children not otherwise provided for be it nevertheless understood as my will that my two sons above mentioned have the privilege of improving each on the part the plantation allotted to them and be entitled to the profits of such improvements from date hereof And lastly I do hereby nominate declare & constitute my beloved wife Margaret Copson executrix and my two sons namely John E. Copson & Isaac V. Copson joint executors to this my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ten 1810

And sealed published and pronounced  
the testator to be his last will & testament

Witness of us  
John E. Copson  
Isaac V. Copson

Codified

John Copson (Seal)

This twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & ten