

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 one 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, Sila 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1851. Signed sealed & acknowledged by John Bacon Seal  
In our presence the date above  
John H. Crawford  
James W. Dyer  
J. H. Smith