

David Wilson's will

I David Wilson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following I give unto my wife Phoebe Wilson all my personal estate to dispose of among her children as she pleases in the full half of My plantation including the building and my black woman attorned as she thinks proper at her death. I give unto my son Robert C. Wilson the other half of My plantation the plantation to be divided to both both parts as well as with her son follow my son Robert C. Wilson to pay to his Mother the price of a black boy he to the of Man or to get her some help in the place of the boy - As for the rest of My children I leave them Mother at her death to divide the property as she please & I leave them nothing now but one certain piece - I do hereby appoint my wife Phoebe Wilson executrix & John Stephenson & George Campbell executors of My last will and testament as witness My hand and seal the 14th of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty eighth

David Wilson

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of George Campbell, Hugh Campbell & Brothman Campbell the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Phoebe Wilson executrix to the foregoing will gave bond & security & qualification as the law directs (The other two executors declined qualifying)

Elizabeth Webb's Will

In the name of God amen

I Elizabeth Webb of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being in perfect mind & memory thanks be to God, Calling to mind the Mortality of My body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will & testament First of all I give & recommend my soul unto God and My body unto the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial -

And bequeathing My worldly estate that God has been pleased to bless me with in this life I give & devise in the following manner First of all My black woman named Hannah. I become My wish and will when it is the will of God to take me out of this world that she the said Hannah shall be & remain free from the service of any other person that she be her own Guardian to do and to transact Business for herself and for interest Independent of the said & interest of any other person to come in & to go back when & where she may think proper so long as she may live - And as to the balance of My estate, I give them be after paying My personal Charges I wish to be equally divided among My children in such way as distribution is as well to answer any other will or testament & the share of the remaining interest of My estate. I do hereby utterly disavow any other will or testament & the share of My last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed My Name as do My hand & seal this 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord 1827.

Elizabeth Webb

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of John Stephenson & John Stephenson & John Stephenson the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Thomas Brown's Will

In the name of God amen

I Thomas Brown of Washington County & State of Tennessee being of sound & perfect mind & memory (Help be to God) do this twenty second day of April one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following. That is to say. First I leave to my wife Dan as much of the home place as she may choose and as much of the house hold and kitchen furniture as she may have any one of our children Hannah Baines & Dorcas during her natural life or widowhood And I do request that my land be divided in the following manner that is to say equally among my four children I wish to take his part where he now lives, George take his part where he now lives and my daughter Tomason Bayles where she now lives & William to have his part of the old place on the river to be divided according to quantity & quality & I wish George and Bayles are not to be charged with their improvements I wish to have George, Tomason to have Harry, George to have Log or Elizabeth & William is to have Grain and my wife is to have My two Mares in the same manner as the Asher property and what stock of Cattle & Hogs for the use of the family My Gray stud horse & Smith tools to be sold to pay my debts & at the death of my wife the balance of My personal & personal estate to be equally divided between my four children - And I do hereby make & Ordain my son David & Tomason & Bayles executors of this my last will & testament - In witness whereof I the said Thomas Brown have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal the day & Year above written -

Thomas Brown

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Thomas Brown the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

Attest George Hendry

John Bostler

George Murr

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of George Hendry, John Bostler & George Murr the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Shuch Brown and Samuel G. Bayles, executors, gave bond & security and qualification as the law directs

Abraham Odell's Will

In the name of God amen

I Abraham Odell of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding and considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous of settling My worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home I do therefore make & publish this my last will & testament in manner and form as follows. That is to say first and principally I bequeath My last will & testament to the hands of Abigail God and My body to earth to be buried without the decorations of My Christian burial after I have and after My debts are paid I then give & bequeath the land on which I now live to my wife Mary Odell during her life & widowhood and after her death I wish my two sons Samuel & John to have it. I do My wish that the estate and other property on the plantation be for the use & support of My wife Mary Odell during her life & widowhood and after her death I wish the same to be divided among my four children