

Moses W. Carson's Will.

I Alexander W. Carson my Executor hereby overruling all other wills by me made.

M. W. Carson (Sd)

signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of

James Campbell

Allen W. Gillespie.

Ephraim Francis's Will.

State of Tennessee Washington County. April 10. 1852. I Ephraim Francis being very ill in health and knowing that is appointed for all men to die I do make this my last will and testament. First I give my wife about the use of my land during her widowhood so long as she will live upon said lands, and second I want her to have two horses and five head of cattle, all my sheep and all of my hogs and my new wagon and all of my farming tools and all my gearing and all my household and kitchen furniture corn and gearing and she is to have the use of this property for her maintenance and for to raise and school my minor sons and at the expiration of her widowhood this property for to be equally divided amongst my said last children, and if at any time the proceeds of this property she thinks necessary to be sold she can do so and charge the heir that gets it at its value so as to make them equal and if she thinks it best she can let any of the sons have property at its value and charge them with it. Second I give my son reuben Francis the amount of property that I have him charged with upon my Book of accounts for his part of my personal property, third I give my son Franklin Francis the amount of property that I have him charged with upon my book of accounts for his part of my personal property and I want Franklin for to retain my corn meal that he is in possession of in good fix this fall or pay three heirs that is here Eighty five Dollars. Fourth I give my son Thomas Francis my young Bay horse and my Bales saddle. Fifth I give my daughter Maryrandle my new side saddle and flax spinning wheel sixth I give my daughter Mariah my new newest side saddle and a flax spinning wheel. Seventh I give my son Mennoeth my gray filly and my cat saddle and a few dollar note on Daniel Francis especially for his schooling, and all of my books I want them to remain among my children as I have divided them and the family Bible I want their mother to keep as long as she lives and then I want Mariah for to have it, and the balance of the money due me first and foremost I want all of just debts paid out of it and the balance I want for a school fund for Andrew and Ephraim to be equally divided, between them be it more or less and when these two

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I being become eighteen years of age I want them if their choice for to go and learn a trade for to have the liberty to do so and the balance of my personal property that is not bequeathed I want it sold at public sale in a twelve months credit and the proceeds of this property to go these six children and I want the Executor for to keep a Book of account and charge all the heir with all they get at an equal value so as to make them equal as my possessions and I want when I have widow and no minor heirs and I want my real estate for to be Equally divided amongst my eight children they may divide the land amongst one another and by draw each other or they may sell the land and divide the money and I want all this will to lay dormant till October Court and I appoint Thomas Francis my Executor and plan Francis Executor and Daniel Francis assistant Executor.

Witness my hand and seal
this 10th day of April 1852
Ephraim Francis (Sd)
Daniel Francis.

John Cannon's Will.

I John Cannon do make and publish this as my last will and testament, being the first and only will I ever made.

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

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my two sons Albert S. Cannon, and William Cannon, my homestead, consisting of two deeds containing eighty five acres more or less, together with all its appurtenances thereto belonging. With this proviso that they the said Albert S. Cannon and William Cannon provide for and take care of their mother Elizabeth Cannon, during her natural life, together with their two sisters Mary A. Cannon and Martha J. Cannon as long as either of both of them shall remain single, otherwise to remain with the aforesaid Albert S. and William as long as they or either of them may deem proper to make their homes with the two aforesaid Albert S. and William Cannon, and in case that the aforesaid Albert S. and William Cannon shall fail to comply with the foregoing proviso, in providing for and taking care of their mother, Elizabeth Cannon and of their two sisters Mary A. Cannon and Martha J. Cannon my Executor shall provide for them, until the decease of Elizabeth Cannon and then sell the land with its appurtenances and divide the money equally between Albert S. and William Cannon, and their two sisters Mary A. and Martha J. Cannon, or their representatives, after deducting all expenses by the said Executor shall incur for their support by producing vouchers or Bills of his expenses for their benefit.

Thirdly I give and leave in the hands of my Executor Albert S.

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William Cannon all of my chattle property and crop now growing together with the grain now on hand, to use, divide or dispose of as they may deem proper by consent of parties.

Fourthly, I have given and do hereby bequeath to my daughter Matilda Byrnes all of the household and stock which she has in possession with the exception of one Black Heifer as her portion. fifthly, I have given and do hereby bequeath to my son George Cannon, one Bay mare, and other stock all of which he has in possession as his portion.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint George Cannon, my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1852. *John Cannon* (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence ^{mark} and we have subscribed our names herto in the presence of the Testator. this 30th day of July 1852.

John C. Burgher

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Samuel Maxwell's Will

I Samuel Maxwell being of sound mind but in a frail and critical condition of body do make and constitute this my last will and testament.

First I Command my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust whence it came. And my will is that all my just debts be paid and to make a fund to assist in doing this my Negroes are to be hired out as hereafter divided but ultimately to be freed. After payment of my debts as aforesaid my will is that my beloved daughter Rebecca C. A. Kinnick shall have one third of all my estate real and personal and my will is that Wm. Henry Maxwell my son shall have the remaining two thirds of all my estate real and personal and mine. One third as trustee and in trust for the purposes herein after mentioned and one third in his own right. The said trust is for the following purposes that is to say whereas my beloved son Samuel C. Maxwell is married and has a family of my beloved Grand Children to rear and Educate. To do which he has not the means, and whereas it is my design that one third of my Estate shall be an end to that end. Now therefore the said Wm. Henry Maxwell shall take and hold the said one third above mentioned as in and to the following raising and Educating of my Grand Children

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and for this purpose he shall permit the said Samuel Maxwell to use and use the said one third either in specie or the proceeds thereof whenever either or both shall deem it advisable to convert same.

My will is that my Negroes be emancipated upon the following terms and Conditions; that is to say, Clarice is to be hired out by my Executor to some humane Master until she pays to said Executor the sum of two Hundred Dollars. Ferdinand her son is to be hired out in the like manner until he earns the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, and Lastly, to be hired out in like manner until he earns the sum of Six Hundred Dollars, which several sums of money is to be appropriated to pay my debts and the residue of my to be divided among my said three Children Rebecca, William, and William having two thirds but one in kind as aforesaid. And my will is that my faithful Slave Sophia or Sofy is to be freed unconditionally, and for the freedom of all said Slaves. My Executor shall petition the proper legal forum at the proper time.

I further give and bequeath to my beloved grandchildren Albert, Maria, Grayson, and Catharine Allen Children of Samuel the stock of Hogs, being about Sixteen and some Pigs and one Cow and Calf and two Calves to be used by their Father with their increase for their Support.

My desire is that each of my Servants be emancipated as aforesaid help and assist each other as fast as each earns his money yet they shall pay no interest.

I May Matigine is excluded from a dower as I think in one way or another since her marriage she has received her portion, and by beloved grandson Samuel Allen because he does not need it as my other Children.

Lastly I constitute my son William my Executor to carry out the promises of this will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of September 1852. *Samuel Maxwell* (Seal)

In presence of
Wm. R. Davis
John Kinnick