

James Ballinger's Will

of my family to be sold by my executors and as fast as anything can be spared from the family to be sold by my executors and the proceeds applied to the payment of my just debts. And when my youngest child comes of age and my debts all paid then all my estate both real and personal to be divided amongst my wife and children equally.

And lastly - I do appoint and ordain my wife Polly executrix and my son Bluford Ballinger executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

James Ballinger Test

My new seal and declared to be the last will and testament of James Ballinger this 25th day of March 1837 and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

John Blair
Mark L. Fieles
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of John Blair & Mark L. Fieles the subscribing witnesses thereto at
Term 18 and records

John Lowans Will.

I John Lowans of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed to all men once to die, do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say: first all I commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, and that all my just and personal expenses be paid out of my estate before there is any division of the same. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Lowans one third part of my personal estate to be for her use and at her disposal & the whole of my lands to be used for the common benefit of my wife and for the maintenance of my and education of my children during the lifetime of my wife and at her decease it is my will that all the property both real and personal that may belong to my estate be equally divided amongst my dear children, namely my daughter Sarah P. Lowans and my sons John F. Lowans, James M. Lowans, William Lowans and Joseph Lowans, to each of them share and share alike, but should any of my children have received any part of my estate before the death of their mother it is to be charged to them in their settling their portion of the estate. It is my will that should my next boy William continue in his studies and should have a good moral character until the

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commencement of the year 1840, then and in that event he is to be free. It is my desire that the society having in view the spread of the Gospel and ameliorating the condition of the human family, should prosper and flourish. I therefore recommend to my family to contribute some part of my estate to these objects especially to the Bible Society. It is my will that my executors be at liberty to sell any part of my personal estate at any time and in any manner they may judge for the interest and benefit of my estate. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Lowans executrix and Matthew Stephenson executor of this my last will and testament without requiring any security of them.

John Lowans Test

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this twenty fifth of March eighteen hundred and thirty five
Paul B. Cunningham
Mary A. Stephenson

Saturday Morning Oct. 19. 1839

On Monday last John Lowans told me that I wrote him a Will made by him amongst the papers of my father, and that it might just remain until it was needed, and as the executor named in the Will was dead, he wished Ebenezer L. Mothes to supply his place.

John Stephenson

Proven by John Stephenson and James Lowans Nov. Term 1839.

The foregoing Will was proven in open court by the oaths of Paul B. Cunningham and Mary A. Stephenson the subscribing witnesses thereto at Nov. Term 1839 and records.

William Thacker's Will.

State of Tennessee
Washington County
In the name of God, Amen

I William Thacker of the County and State

of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory disposing myself do make this my last will and testament.

First. It is my will, and desire that all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses be settled out of my estate.

Secondly - It is my will, and desire that my beloved wife Mary have all my property, both personal and real after my decease, which is as follows to wit: forty acres of Land, be the same more or less, it being the same whereon I now live and also being a personal