

Fredrick Arns Wills

God that my only and beloved wife Mary Ann should live as long as I have lived. It is to have her lifetime as long as the husband and children survive as is necessary on her choice of such estate during her life also her maintenance this I do acknowledge with the help of God to be my last will and testament. I do set my hand and seal the day and year above written when it is signed sealed and delivered in the presence of God and the undersigned names

Witness
W.E. Linster

For and in behalf of (Seal)
Fredrick Arns

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Court of W.E. Linster the Subordinate of writing there to at April Session 1830 & record

John Browns Will

In the Name of God Amen

I John Brown of the County of Washington State & Tennessee being sick weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and make the best provision for my dear wife when I shall please God to call me home do hereby make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say. First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my dear friends after my debts & funeral charges are paid & do hereby bequeath as follows. I give & bequeath unto my dear beloved wife Mary Ann all my lands property wherever I now live during her widowhood or her natural life if she should continue to remain a widow and do with it as she sees right and proper in order to have my children raised in the best manner possible out of the profits that may arise from it. Item I bequeath to my dear wife Mary Ann all the then property that she then owns that she takes a child parts be in either words an equal share with the children. Item I bequeath to the sons of my children in case my wife should marry again then in that case I give & bequeath unto her share & above her share an equal share & bequeath. Item I bequeath to my wife & desire that when any of my children becomes of age be married for my wife to provide them with a home as best if they should be any that can be spared & any other thing that she may think they need in need of for a beginning. Item I bequeath to my children & desire that they be of the age of 21 years or more and that they be all then alive in value. Item I bequeath to my wife that when my youngest child becomes of age provide my wife should have married again for my land to be equally divided as as they all be but agree as well as their property as land. Item I bequeath to my daughter Eliza to be equally divided as as they all be but agree as well as their property as land. Item I bequeath to my daughter Eliza to be equally divided as as they all be but agree as well as their property as land.

John Browns Will

four heads of stock one cow & pig & all of which to be deducted out of his mispation share. Also my daughter Mary Ann has received one twenty five dollar saddle to be taken out of her share as above. And lastly I do hereby bequeath and appoint my dear wife Jane Brown & Nathaniel McMath to be executors of this my last will and testament receiving and consulting all former wills & testaments & confirming this & none other. I do set my hand and seal the day of March 1830. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

John Brown (Seal)
George Livingston
Wm. Linton
John Brown
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Court of W.E. Linster & Subordinate of writing there to at April Session 1830 & record. Nathaniel McMath executor gave bond & security and qualified as the law directs.

Joseph Brown's Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Joseph Brown of the County of Washington State & Tennessee being sick weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory and understanding considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and make the best provision for my dear wife when I shall please God to call me home do hereby make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say. First my wife and desire is that my body be buried in a church house in manner. Second that all my debts be fully paid and satisfied. Thirdly my wife is that my son George Brown have my Negro boy Nannie Marks. Fourth my wife is that my son Joseph Brown have my Negro boy Solomon. Fifth my wife and desire is that my wife Mary Ann remain at her old home and to have all the house hold & kitchen furniture & likewise a Negro girl named Matilda to remain her during her natural life time and after the death of my wife Matilda to go to Mary Brown the wife of John Brown. Sixth my wife & desire is that married daughter of John Brown be have my Negro boy Moses Henderson. That Moses pay two thirds of a reasonable price of said boy to her Brother Samuel Marks and Sarah Bright and my desire is that the said boy remain this county. 7th my wife & desire is that Joseph Mark son of Samuel Marks have my Negro boy Samuel. 8th my wife and desire is that my daughter Martha Davanah have my Negro girl Jane. 9th my wife and desire is that all the above mentioned slaves shall be free at the age of twenty one years of age. 10th my wife and desire is that after the death of my wife my Negro woman be free and if she should have any more after the present date to remain with her free. 11th my wife & desire is that all the stock of cattle hogs & sheep horses to be my wife and that she dispose of it in any way she please for her support.

Joseph Crouch Will

12th My wife and desire is that my son George Crouch be my executor of this my last will and testament Given under my hand and seal This 1st of September 1830

done in the presence of us

Joseph Crouch (Seal)

George Crouch

Leuel Douglass { The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of
Leuel Douglass & Leuel Crouch two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
& Jurors. George Crouch the executor in said will gave bond
and security and qualified as the law directs

Margaret McAdams Will.

I Margaret McAdams of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: In the first place, I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas McAdams, all my claim and interest in the real estate of my Father, Hugh McAdams (De'd) And whereas when ~~Thomas McAdams~~ and myself started to the Sequatchie Valley last Fall I put Forty Dollars into his hands for expenses &c. and no settlement made since about it my will is, should there be any balance of it in his hands that he have the benefit of it, and that at some time when it may suit his convenience he make two good Banners and give one to Cynthia and one to Mary Stephenson, and further it is my will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of a note of Forty Dollars which I hold on Joseph Noble, and the balance to be equally divided between my two brothers Thomas and Samuel McAdams. I also give and bequeath unto my sister Jane Ellis my bed and bedding all the bed clothing, that is now at her house together with my spinning wheel. It is further my wish that the balance of bed clothes and other property except so much of it as I have directed my mother Isabella Noble to dispose of in a given way to be equally divided between my two sisters Polly Ellis and Jane Ellis. And lastly, I do constitute and appoint my brother Thomas McAdams, the sole Executor of ~~this~~ my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me. It is my will that my executor be not called upon for any security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

Margaret McAdams (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of the said Margaret McAdams in presence of us who have put our hands to the same.

John Stephenson (Margaret McAdams Will).

William B. Strain { The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of
William Hope & John Stephenson and William B. Strain two of the
subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded.

Francis Register's Will.

I Francis Register of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former will and Testament by me at any time heretofore made First I will and bequeath to my beloved son Gregory, the tract or parcel of Land on which I now live (when he shall become twenty-one years of age) containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, joining the lands of William Graddeke, Isaac Houston, John Tadlock, Carter Tadlock and Jasper Mullins, with all and singular, to him and his heirs forever Also one other tract which I purchased from Carter Tadlock in the year of 1839, containing fifteen acres which is attached to the above mentioned tract all in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee to him and his heirs forever. Secondly I will and direct that my beloved wife Janina shall have a good and decent support and maintenance off of the above mentioned lands and premises during her life or widowhood and that my children (viz) James, Archibald, Gregory Lucinda, Sarah and Hannah Eliza shall have each a support or maintenance off of said lands and premises until he or she shall become of age or marry. Thirdly, I will and direct that my two sons James and Archibald (when they become of age) shall have a certain tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being the lands that I bought from Alexander English on the waters of Limestone, containing Two Hundred and fifty acres, more or less, joining the lands of John Tadlock, Joseph Shields and others, to have and to hold with all and singular to them and their heirs forever, to be equally divided between them. Fourthly, I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease, as possible out of the first money that shall come into the hands of my executor or executors, arising from the several cash notes that I hold on, my several debtors, and that balance of the money arising from notes & debts due me or coming to me in any way, shall be paid out to some person or persons who will give good and approved security for the payment of the same, which money, together with the interest of the same shall be paid to the use of my family as they shall direct.