

Abraham Poorens Will

1827
 State of Tennessee Washington County November the twenty eighth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen I Abraham Poorens being in my right mind & memory do hereby make my last will & testament in the Name of God Amen My will is that of my last will be that my wife Mary should have all my property real & personal during her widowhood but one cow and I desire her to be given to Mary Miller when she comes of age I also desire that Guine Poorens should have his consent in the place for which I was to give all and he was to do all and he was to have it as long as I'll live & to go below in every thing and I also desire that after he decease that it should be sold & equal divide among my lawful heirs as follows My hand and seal the day & date above written I do desire that Guine Poorens should have one cow of mine one of them he now lives to do with as long as he lives I also have Colina Poorens my daughter -
 John Hester's Son

John Hester { The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Oath of Hester
 Colina Poorens and John Hester two of the subscribing witnesses at January
 1816 & is now to be read of John Poorens qualified as executor to the foregoing will

Thomas English Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas English late of the County of Washington East Tennessee being very weak in body but perfect in mind & memory Thanks be given unto God Calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men one to die do make & Ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it - and my body I recommend to his earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power of God - and as touching such worldly estate wherewith at hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form First I give & bequeath to Elizabeth English my dearly beloved wife whom I likewise constitute Make & Ordain with Release in English my beloved son the sole executor of this my last will & testament all and singular my lands Messuages & tenements by him freely to be possessed by her during her Natural Life or widowhood but if she Marries then to have an equal part with her and my Children that were left at my decease I each child to have an equal part of of the whole containing my widow till death then the remaining part of my estate to be divided or sold & equally divided amongst my Children & I hereby utterly annul revoke & disannul all & every other former testaments wills & bequests & bequests by me in any way before named unless or hereafter ratified & confirmed this & no other to be my last will & testament in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifteen Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Thomas English as his last will & testament in the presence of his wife in his presence & in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed
 One Witness
 Thomas English

Witness Elizabeth English The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Oath of Elizabeth English & John Hester two of the subscribing witnesses at January 1816 & is now to be read of John English & Alexander English qualified as executor and executor of the foregoing will

William Fair Will

In the name of God Amen December the 20th 1815

I William Fair 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 for all men to die Do constitute and Ordain this my last will and Testament making hereby all other - And as touching what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner First I give to all my just debts to pay and satisfy And I give and bequeath to my Son Ebenezer Fair 200. some of land lying on the Church line running so as to include part of a new survey I also give to my son John Fair a tract of Land beginning at the lower end of the upper meadow ground running in a direction so as to include 4 Apple trees and through a pear & Bay at the upper end of P meadow thence running north & south to the right hand line of the Church a four hundred and four tract thence south & line tie it including the Western board then starting on the beginning corner on P meadow fence thence north the line of the Church to what there is a little Negro house thence crossing the fence and running up a bank to a small brook thence running with the direction of the fence till it strikes William Thompsons line thence running round to the beginning the balance of my Land I leave to my Son Samuel I leave to my wife a Negro girl named Nancy and a share of my stock of horses and a saddle and I much good and the benefit of the same during her Natural life I also leave to Rebecca Young a Metairie by Calvin Daniel and when she receives the P Dry she is to pay back \$100.00 to be equally divided between the other 10 Daughters I also leave to my Daughter Sally a Negro girl named Sabina also to Betty Gray a Negro girl named Violet I also leave to my Daughter Polly Ann a Negro girl named Charlotte I also leave to my Daughter Nancy a Negro girl named Abigail I further give to my son John a set of blacksmith tools I also leave to my son Samuel my Book and book case I leave to my son David Fair 200 dollars in Silver and the balance of my Money to be equally divided between all my Daughters I further wish my youngest Daughter to be made equal with the eldest to be raised out of my Stock and household furniture I also leave to my wife as much of the balance of my household furniture as she wishes to keep and the residue to be equally divided between my 5 Daughters and also all the balance of my Stock of every description I further give my farming utensils of every description to be equally divided amongst all my Sons I also leave my title to my Son Samuel and he is to take the share and a mainain his Mother and Grand mother during their lives and support my ten Daughters Sarah Jane and Robert Gray the Executors of this my last will and Testament

As it is remembrance that I have kept of
Washington County, State of Tennessee, being of some name and memory
but considering the uncertainty of all human life, do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.
First, I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret five hundred Dollars
to be paid for ever. Second, I give and bequeath unto my eldest son
John Kelly three Negroes, one a man by the name of Miles and the other
two boys, one by the name of William and the other by the name of Nelson
to him and his heirs for ever. Third, I give and bequeath unto my
second son Abraham Kelly three Negroes, two of them boys and one girl
by the names of Jeremiah, Peter and Polly, to him and his heirs for ever.
Fourth, I give and bequeath to my third son George Kelly three Negroes, one a
man by the name of Austin, one other a woman by the name of Bet, and the
youngest boy by the name of Edward, to him and his heirs for ever. Fifth, I give
and bequeath unto my fourth son John Kelly, to him and his heirs for ever.