

# John Green's Will

I John Green of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make, read and publish this as my last will and testament.

First, I bequeath my whole real and personal estate with my funeral expenses and the just debts which may be due or owing from me at the time of my decease. In the payment of my debts, it is my desire that my executors hereinafter named, shall if possible discharge them out of the debts due and owing to me, which they shall proceed to collect without delay. Should the debts and liabilities due and owing to me be insufficient, my executors are directed in that event to sell a portion of my real estate to supply the deficit in the following order: First, they shall sell the place where George & Fale now live, secondly, my farm lying between Oliver's and Montgomery Trains; and lastly that portion of my farm, near Smothers, which is now rented to John Blair and which lies west of the road leading from Tomsboro' to Embury, or so much of said lands as may be necessary to raise a fund for the payment of my debts. Should the property above mentioned be insufficient to pay my debts, my executors are next directed to sell my farm adjoining the Land of Daniel Kenney, on which Thomas Kenney now lives. If all the above mentioned property should fail to bring enough to pay my debts, my executors are authorized to exercise a discretionary power in selling any of my other real or personal property, with the exception of my Slaves and the farm on which I now live including the Land purchased of John Kennedy which are not to be sold if it can possibly be avoided. In making any sale under this will my executors are authorized to sell either at public or private sale for cash or on a credit, or for current bank notes, as the exigencies of the business of my estate may, in their Judgment, require.

Second, after the payment of my debts and funeral charges I dispose of the remainder of my property as hereinafter provided I will, give, devise and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Green the farm on which I now live, called the Hill farm, also the tract of Land I purchased of John Kennedy with all the hereunto appurtenances, and appurtenances, to each, belonging or appertaining together with all my house hold and kitchen furniture, including beds and furniture now in my house and on said farm and all provisions on hand with all

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my stock of horses, cattle and hogs, waggon, farming utensils, and all my other personal property not hereinbefore or hereinafter otherwise disposed of together with my three slaves George, Bob and Eggy, to have, hold and enjoy during her natural life, on the terms and with the remainder over hereinafter provided for. This devise and bequest is made on trust to the said Elizabeth Green, for the support and maintenance of herself and my family and the education of my minor children and to this end it is my desire that the same shall be administered and my business carried on in such manner as the said Elizabeth and my executors shall deem most proper and, on the marriage of either of my children, a substantial part of my family or when either shall cease to be a member of the family this trust is to cease as to each child or children.

Third, on the death or marriage of my said wife Elizabeth it is my desire that all my estate, real personal or mixed then remaining on hand shall be equally divided among my children Eliza C. Emerson, George, Charles Albert, Allen, Mary Evalina Thomas and John Green, to be held to the survivors hereinafter named, and in the event of the death of either of said children without lawful issue before said division is made, that the share of such child or children be vested in the survivors and divided among them on the same principle. In making said division, my executors will charge each of said children with expenses of his or her education and should any of them not attain the age of twenty one at the time of the division, such minor child or children be allowed a reasonable sum for his or her support, until attaining the age of twenty one, it being my object to place my children on an equal footing as to maintenance and education, so far as the expense thereof is concerned, before they receive their shares of the estate.

Fourth, It is my express will and desire that the share of my estate hereinbefore and hereinafter given to my daughter Eliza C. Emerson whether real or personal, shall be and is hereby vested in her to her sole and separate use, free and apart from the dominion, control or influence of her husband Thomas C. Emerson, and if the law will allow it, it is my will that the said Eliza C. only take a life estate in the legacy hereinbefore given to her and that, at her death, the remainder therein shall be vested in her children then living, should she die without children living at the time of her death she shall have full power to dispose of her said legacy as she may see fit.

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Fifth, It is also my express will and desire that the share of my estate which shall be set apart and allotted to my daughters Mary and Esalina, be held by each to her sole, separate and exclusive use and enjoyment, and if the law will permit it, that each take a life estate in the share allotted to her, with remainder over, in the case of each, to her lawfull issue living at the time of her death.

Sixth If my son Allen should not be of good moral characters at the time my estate is to be divided, or should he not be of as good character at that time as my other children hereinbefore mentioned, then he shall not be entitled to any share of my estate on the division, but the property shall be divided among my other children, and executors shall pay him twenty five dollars in full as his portion of my estate.

Seventh: If any of my children who are over twenty years of age, reside in my family and render services in or about my business, they shall have a reasonable compensation to be paid by my executors -

Eight. It is my desire that Thomas B. Emerson and wife continue to remain in the house where they now live, until the division of my Estate, on paying a reasonable rent therefor, when the estate is divided, and they shall have the use of my beds, and all my furniture, now in their possession free of charge. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza C. Emerson my house David St and her three children Emily Sarah and an infant child to her sole and separate use during her natural life with remainder over to the lawful children of the said Eliza C. living at the time of her death.

Ninth. After the payment of my debts and funeral charges said  
 of my children above named as are now twenty one years of age  
 and those who from time to time may attain the age of twenty  
 one year shall be entitled to a reasonable advancement said  
 my property real and personal before this division above provided for  
 takes place the amount to be fixed by a majority of my executors  
 in such manner as to do justice to the other children and on the  
 final division the children or advancee will be charged with the  
 property or money as they may receive by way of advancement.  
 Eliza C. Emerson will be charged with the value of the  
 lands above given to her at their present value and without  
 price or interest.

Fourth, if my son Charles or any other suitable person my executor  
my select is directed to take the boxes I have been preparing

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for that purpose to market and the proceeds will be applied  
to the payment of my debt.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint George Brown  
Charles Brown Thomas W. Emerson and my wife Elizabeth  
executors and executors of this my last will and testament and  
also guardians of my minor children and vis. that they shall  
not be required to give any security whatever for the perform-  
ance of their duties as such. I hereby revoke all former wills  
and testaments, and declare and publish this as my last  
will and testament. In ~~testimony~~ witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand and seal the third day of June 1855  
(Interlined before signed) Wm. Brown Cord

(Interlocked before signal)

Wm. H. C. F. C.

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in presence of us

Thos A R Nelson

John Lewis

Danl. Rogers

Sept 24 1875  
L. B. B. B.

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two of the subsiding channels that had been formed by the  
one of the channels, however, was a small one, and the  
as the river flows at high water, 1864.

George Cochran's Will

I George Cochran of the County of Washington  
and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this as  
my last will and Testament. Believing it a duty  
to dispose of my property with which Providence  
has kindly blessed me. I make, ordain and  
appoint the disposal of my Estate in the follow-  
ing manner - First, It is my will that at  
my decease my Body be buried in a decent and  
Christian manner. And that the expenses thereof  
together with all my just debts be paid out of  
my Estate before ~~there~~ is any division thereof -  
Second, It is my will that the residue of my Estate  
both real and personal after paying all my