

TIGHT BINDING

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Charles Duncan. Wells

In the name of God Amen.

I Charles Duncan of Washington County and State of Tennessee, being of perfect Health of body and sound mind and memory, thanks be given unto God. Setting to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my last will & testament, that is to say principally and first of all. I give and bequeath my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gain it and my body & members unto the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but that at the general Resurrection I shall wear the same again by the Almighty power of God. An astonishing such nobly, that wherewithal it hath pleased God to keep me in the life. I give and bequeath of the same in the following manner and form— First I give and bequeath to Lorraine my dear wife here living, the land and farm where I now live during her life or widowhood, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, garners utensils, horns, cows, sheep and hogs. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my Sons William, John & Robert, all my lands amounting to 44 1/4 acres to be equally divided among them and a thing hereby for ever; as follows, that is to my son William One hundred forty eight acres, including when he now lives to him and his heirs forever. him the aforesaid William paying my son Marshall three hundred dollars in trade equal to Corn to two shillings, in lands to be paid at the expiration of two years after my decease. To my son John one hundred forty eight acres including when he now lives to him and his heirs forever. him the aforesaid John paying my son Marshall three hundred dollars in trade value equal to Corn at two shillings per bushel to be paid at the end of two years after my decease. And likewise to my son Robert one hundred and forty eight acres including when he now lives to him and his heirs forever after the decease of my beloved wife and his son Robert paying my son John three hundred dollars in trade value equal to Corn at two shillings per bushel to be paid two years after my decease. And if my son Robert shall decease without lawful issue of his body together than the aforesaid one hundred and forty eight acres of land to be equally divided among all my Sons & daughters than shall alight. Thirdly, all my goods & chattels that remain after my decease to be equally divided among my daughter Sarah, Mary, Lucy, Nancy, Elizabeth, Margaret & Dorothy, their issue alive, one as my son William John but the same will at this instant expire is that they have all the profits arising from 9 miles. One tenth of my estate to constitute my trust fund to be used by my executors for the support of my poor wife & children & to be divided among them only to be determined by my executors. In testimony whereof I have set my hand this 17th day of April in the year of our Lord 1817.

Charles Duncan (Signed)
March 1817

Signed, dated, published, pronounced & declared by the D
Charles Duncan who last will & testament is the present of
other 2 or 3 friends and in the presence of each other 2 or 3 friends subscriber our names

John Steger
Richard Carr & William Carr. test of the subscribing witness
17th April 1817
Testate at July Sessions 1818 and ordered to be recorded

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Nicholas Hale sen^r Wells

In the name of God Amen.

I Nicholas Hale late of Washington County & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory thank be to Almighty God for his unfeigned favor and protection. First I have given to my two sons Richardson William Nicholas Nathan Amos and Nathan their full portion in lands & other property & so my wife is my six long above mentioned to receive one dollar out of my estate each & then & no more. Secondly after we have paid debts being paid. My wife is my three daughters Elizabeth Carr Ruth Hale & Sarah Gray to have the remainder of my personal estate to be equally divided among them. Thirdly a certain tract of land lying Thomas Murray's line and Thomas Barron's line and Michael Eastman's line supposed to be between eighty or Ninety acres to be equally divided between the heirs of John Hale his & Nathan for this & the said John Hale his & Nathan being a piece of land I gave to my son Amos Hale and he left it to the said John Hale & his wife never has any title from me for it yet so my wife is to leave it as above. Fourthly, My wife is that my Nephew Mann Ruth at my death he shall be totally & become a free man— except them be a Crop on hands & then at the commencement of the crop to be left at his liberty. Fifthly, My wife is that my son Richard Hale have the whole managing of my affairs wherefore I set my hand and seal this 20th day of April 1807.

Nicholas Hale last (Signed)

by his son
John Steger
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of John Steger & John Steger his son test of the subscribing witnesses thereto at July Sessions 1818 and sworn to be true.

John Steger will

In the name of God Amen.

I John Steger of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & perfect Memory (Steger be it you for his unfeigned favor and protection) on the eighth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen years and publishing this my last will and Testament in the manner following that it is by me after paying all my just debts I do leave & bequeath unto my beloved wife Barbara Steger all my real & personal estate during her Natural life or widowhood and at her decease or whenever her Name to be equally divided among my six Children Mary Steger John Steger Henry Steger Adam Steger Barbara Brown and Christopher Steger with what they have already received (this is to say) Mary Steger hath one hundred & one thirds of a dollar John Steger hath one hundred & forty six dollars two thirds of a dollar Henry Steger hath one twenty three dollars & one third of a dollar Christopher Steger hath one fifty dollars very further property that my wife Barbara may not want may be taken by my executors hereafter named for the use & benefit of my said wife and I do make and declare my worthy friend Alex^r Mether and my son Adam Steger executors of my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said John Steger have to the best of my knowledge and belief set my hand & seal the day & year above written signed, sealed, published & witnessed by the said John Steger the subscriber to his last will & testament and in the presence of us who are present at the time of signing and sealing this will before William Carr