

Susannah Campbell's will

I sell, the tract of land on which I now live, which I inherited from my husband Hugh Campbell by his last will and testament with all its appurtenances - for which he is to pay, twenty nine hundred dollars; three hundred of which I bequeath to him, the remaining twenty six hundred dollars he is to pay to my heirs as herein provided by the different bequests by me made in this my last will and testament. I furthermore bequeath to him one bed and bedding and the bedding up stairs - together with all the property not herein mentioned, debts & notes of every kind & description, of which I may be possessed -

I bequeath unto my son Brooks Campbell three hundred dollars to be paid within five years after my decease, I also release him from all dues, debts & demands, which I may hold against him on account of my husband Hugh Campbell's last will and testament or otherwise - I bequeath unto my living children each and each alive my entire interest in the landed estate of my deceased father James Campbell, at the decease of his wife Elizabeth Campbell, which I may lawfully inherit. I direct that all my just debts be paid and my funeral expenses out of my Estate - I hereby constitute and appoint my son James Campbell my executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made -

Signed sealed & delivered
the day & date above written

Francis Robertson
(Non R. Section)

Susannah Campbell

The foregoing will was
duly proven in Open Court at
1850 by the oath of Francis Robertson and
(Non R. Section) the subscribing witnesses thereto
And ordered to be Recorded -

John Hunter's Will.

I John Hunter of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing judgment, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publishing last will and testament, in manner and form following, viz:

Section 1st It is my will that shortly after my death my funeral or burials and all my debts be paid by my executors out of any monies which may be due me at my death and from the other means hereafter specified for that purpose, (viz) it is my will that shortly after my death my executors sell so much of the personal property of any kind that they may, in their judgment think proper and that can be spared from the needs of the family; and also any one or more of my negro slaves that they may think proper and that may be necessary for the payment of my debts; the sales may be made at public auction or by private sale, on a credit or for cash in hand, at the option of said executors.

Section 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary my plantation whereon I now live and all my slaves and other property of every description (except such as shall be sold in accordance with the provisions of the 1st section of this Will) to be under the control and management of said executors for the support and maintenance of herself and family, and for the education of the children during her natural life; and when any of my children that are single shall marry or leave home, it is my will and wish that they receive in each of them a portion of household furniture and other property, equal to what each of them have who are married and have left home; which shall not be taken into the account of the equalization of the heirs hereafter to be provided for.

Section 3rd It is my will that after the death of my wife the plantation be equally divided between my two eldest sons Montgomery H. Hunter and William H. Hunter, the division line to commence midway of the river line of the whole tract, and run to the back line so as to give equal quantity on each side Montgomery to have choice of tract. Each tract to be valued at a cash sale also by two disinterested freeholders chosen by the parties concerned; and each of the said Montgomery and William to pay to the following named heirs, (viz) Elizabeth Hunt, the daughter, Amanda R. Camp, J. E. R. Hunter, Jane R. Hunter, Doreas H. Hunter, Margaret H. Hunter and Henry H. Hunter such amount as will make all of said heirs equal, including said Montgomery and William, and any improvement in building or that either of them may make on the land at their own expense before the death of their mother, or before the division or valuation, it shall not be taken into the valuation of said tract. Also, that all my negro slaves (except such as shall be sold in accordance with the 1st section of this Will) together with personal property that may remain after the death of my wife be equally divided between all my children or their heirs, and in case of the

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property cannot be equally divided so as to be satisfactory, then and in that event the Executor to sell said slaves and a property, at public sale on any or further months end at the option of the Executor, the slaves to be sold exclusively to the heirs, and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided amongst said children.

Section 4th. It is my will and wish that if either or both of my sons Thomas and Henry, wish a Collegiate education that my Executors make provision for them to receive it to the full extent (if it be required) of the means that will probably coming to each of them from my estate; and any advancements made by either of my two sons Montgomery and William to Thomas and Henry, in procuring such education, shall be counted as so much received by them toward their share of the value of the land with interest on the same from the time such advancements made.

Section 5th. It is my will that when my youngest child comes of age, or when my daughters shall have married or left home; it shall be at the option of my wife to have the land divided, and the other property divided or sold, and distribution made according to the provisions of the said Section of this Will, retaining so much as she may think necessary for her support and maintenance during her life.

Section 6th and last. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Mary Hunter Executor, and my son Montgomery Hunter Executor of this my last Will and testament, and hereby revoke all other wills that may have been made by me, and hereby release my Executors from giving Bond & security. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of February 1850. (Continued before signed.)

Signed & acknowledged in presence of

Henry C. Ruble
G. W. Telford.

John Hunter (Exec.)

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, May Term 1850, by the oaths of Henry C. Ruble, and G. W. Telford, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded; and Mary Hunter the Executor, and Montgomery H. Hunter the Executor named in said Will (being released from giving bond and security) appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as the law directs.

John Kelsay's Will.

In the name of God Amen! I John Kelsay of Washington County, State of Tennessee, being in my usual health, and of sound mind, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death sooner or later, do make the following my last Will and testament, viz: It is my will that all debts which I may owe and my funeral expenses at my decease be paid out of my estate. It is my will that my three sons Samuel Robert and David Kelsay, have all my real and personal

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estate, and that my three sons pay my two daughters Margaret, Phill & Margaret Kinsale one hundred dollars each, and that the boys, Sara Ann Kelsay two dollars, and John Kelsay ten dollars & William Kelsay two dollars. And it is my will that the full the herein & foregoing, and divide it equal with my three sons and the said the land with it by private or public sale as my sons or Executor think best; and money arising from said land to be equally divided with them by each one of them paying equal part of the expense. I do hereby appoint Samuel Kelsay and Henry C. Bracken my Executors of my last Will, who will require my said Executors to give security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of April 1849.

John Kelsay,

John Kelsay,

John Kelsay,

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, March Term 1850, by the oaths of John Kelsay, and John Kelsay, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same ordered to be recorded; and Henry C. Bracken (being released from Bond by the Will) one of the Executors named therein appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as the law directs.

John Porty's Will.

I John Porty, do make & publish this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made:

1st I direct that all my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2dly. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Ona Jane Starnes the whole of my real estate consisting of three lots in the town of Seeburg, lying on the South side of Main Street & designated by the number 28, 29 & 30, in the plan of said town, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging & also, all my blacksmith tools. 3rd. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son Martin Porty the sum of one dollar. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Edward Ellis my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 24th day of April 1850.

John Porty,

Signed sealed and published in our presence; we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 24th day of April 1850.

Sam'l C. Conly,

Samuel H. Myler.

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, May Term 1850, by the oaths of Sam'l Conly & Samuel H. Myler the subscribing witnesses thereto, & ordered to be recorded - & Edward Ellis, one of the Executors named therein, appeared in open Court, and was duly qualified as the law directs.