

Lawrence Earnests Will.

publish this my last will and Testament in manner and for the following

Art 1. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah all of my personal property, including my servants Rachael and Hiram with all her natural life except what property may hereafter be devised to my children

Art 2. I give and bequeath to my son Jacob B. Earnest one three cott called Ball to be well raised until the Fall of 1838.

Art 3. I give and bequeath to my son Lawrence B. Earnest one man cott to be kept and well raised until the Fall of 1838; also one Feather Bed, well furnished with clothing.

Art 4. As I have caused the deed of the plantation whereon I now live to be made to my son Jacob B. Earnest for which he is to pay all just debts, dues and demands that I may owe, and it is my will that he live and remain with my wife Hannah and see the property bequeathed to her to the best advantage to her comfort and happiness, and whatever remains of my property bequeathed to my said wife at her death it is my will that it be sold and equally divided among my children (viz) Mary Earnest, Elizabeth Ann, Cynthia Aply, Marilla Briggs, Astorina Payne, Rebecca Payne, Lavinia Barnett, Ann B. Earnest, Jacob B. Earnest, Lawrence B. Earnest.

Art 5. It is my wish that my brother-in-law Nathan Barnes and my friend E. L. Meath be and act as Executors to this my last will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto signed, sealed and acknowledged this to be my last and last will the 25th day of August 1837

Wm Payne

Lawrence Earnest Seal

Wm B. Payne The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oath of Wm Payne and E. L. Payne two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at May Term 1838 and Recorded

William Jacksons Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I William Jackson of the County of Washington being being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and declare this as my last will and testament in form following to wit

William Jacksons Will.

I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth, to be buried by my Executors in a decent and Christian like manner, and as touching my worldly estate, I do order and direct as follows, firstly I give and bequeath the tract of land on which I now live, which I purchased of Dodson, supposed to contain one hundred and twenty acres to my son Willie Jackson, his heirs and assigns forever

Secondly I will and bequeath to my son Smith Jackson and his heirs and assigns forever, eighty-two acres of the upper end of the tract I live on, the same being either more or less.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Barbara Jackson a tract of land conveyed to me by Little & Little and another adjoining thereto, containing in the whole one hundred and forty six acres and one half, be the same more or less, to be and ensure to said Barbara, her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly It is my will and desire that my negro slaves, namely, Joseph, Marshall, Dick, Alice, and Elliot, be hired out to humane men, until they respectively arrive to thirty years of age, & then to be set free by my Executors hereafter named, and it is my wish that said slaves until their freedom shall be turned to those that will treat them kindly, and furnish them with good warm comfortable clothing.

Fifthly It is my will and desire that the proceeds of the labor of said slaves, shall be equally divided among all of my children share and share alike.

Sixthly It is my will and desire that my son Willie Jackson shall have one half of my grain crop now on my farm, both that which is cut and the corn that is growing.

Seventhly It is my will and desire is, that my daughter Barbara Jackson, shall have twenty bushels of wheat and forty bushels of corn out of my crop that is raised and growing.

Eighthly My will and desire is that all the hay on my farm shall be cut and secured and equally divided, between my son Willie and my daughter, Barbara Jackson, share and share alike.

Ninthly It is my will and desire that my son Willie Jackson, Smith Jackson and my daughter Barbara Jackson shall have a cow and calf each of their own choosing.

Tenthly It is my will and desire that my daughter Barbara shall have her choice of all my horses, that is one of them and shall also have a saddle and a bridle worth twenty five dollars, to be paid for out of my estate.

William Jackson's Will

Barbara my daughter, shall each have two hundred pounds of Pork next fall after the same is fattened out of my grain each and the wool and fleas in my possession

Tenth - It is my will and desire that what Bacon is on hand shall belong to son Willie and my daughter Barbara, for their support until next fall

Eleventh - It is my will and desire that my son Willie and my son Smith and my daughter Barbara, shall each have a feather bed, bedstead and furniture each of equal value, out of the furniture of my house, and it is also my will and desire that my daughter Barbara shall have my corner cupboard, and all the cupboard furniture

Twelfth - It is my will and desire that all my kitchen furniture shall be divided between my son Willie and my daughter Barbara share and share alike

Thirteenth - It is my will and desire that my son Willie shall have the harness complete for two horses, that is for two horses in a team, and two blongs of his own choice on my farm.

Fourteenth - I hereby renounce all claim to three head of horses and a parcel of hogs that my son Willie has raised on my farm and do this to ~~avoid~~ any misunderstanding hereafter between my children.

Fifteenth - It is my will and desire that after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, all the rest and residue of my personal estate of every kind whatsoever, which is not herein particularly bequeathed, shall be sold by my executors herein after mentioned, at such credit as they shall deem advisable and the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided between all my children, namely, David Jackson, Peter Jackson, George Jackson, Deborah Fulkerson, Samuel Jackson, Willie Jackson, Smith Jackson, and Barbara Jackson, and lastly

I do hereby appoint my two sons, George Jackson and Peter Jackson executors of this my last will and Testament and as I have great confidence in their integrity, I for that reason do not wish them to give any security for executing this my will, as this is the only will I have ever made. In testimony of this being my only will I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of July 1855

The foregoing last will and Testament

was acknowledged before us who have

subscribed the names as witnesses thereto

in the presence of John Jackson the Testator and in the presence of each other before our hands the Testator and the witnesses

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John Kennedy, The foregoing will was proven in open court before Charles Bacon by the oaths of Charles Bacon and Daniel David Bacon Barron two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at Term 18 and recorded

Matthew Stephenson's Will

I Matthew Stephenson 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 blessed me - I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in following manner.

Item 1. To the American Bible Society I give and by wealth the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of that Society or whoever else may be authorized to receive.

Item 2. To the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church I give and by wealth the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid to the Treasurer or Secretary of said Board, or who ever else may be authorized to receive the same

3rd. To the American Colonization Society I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of the same.

4th. To my close friends James Cowan and Mary Ruple I give and bequeath the sum of Three hundred and thirty four dollars each

5th. To my beloved wife Mary A. Stephenson I give and bequeath the mill and plantation on which I live, during her natural life. I further give and bequeath to my said wife and to her heirs all the personal property in the house and about the mill and farm on which I now live, consisting of household & kitchen furniture, hoes, lathe, hogs, wagons, grain &c, with the exception of twenty barrels of flour which is to be made for the store. I also give and bequeath to my said wife absolutely and to dispose of as she may think proper my negro boy Bob. In addition to all this, I further give and desire to my said wife the sum of five thousand dollars, to be paid by my executor at the time herein after stated any note that may hold on mortgages &c is included in the desire to her to be placed under her control and to be given to her in the payment of the same