

# Jonah Keene's Will

In the name of God, Amen; I, Sarah Keene of the County of Washington Estate of Penneke, being somewhat weak in body but of sound mind and memory, but calling to mind the mortality of my body; and knowing that it is appointed that all men must die do make this instrument of writing my last will and Testament in the following manner: First I command my spirit to God who gave and my body to be buried by my Executor in a decent and respectful manner.—

First I will that Robert A. Keene my youngest son have ninety one acres of land in the place I live on and that is to be off of the upper end of the place.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son Joseph Keene fifty acres on the lower end of the place next John W. Coxes.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son R. A. Keene all the stock of horses cattle hogs Cattle household, and Kitchen furniture, Beds, Bedding, Bedsteads and all also all the farming utensils, Robert A. Keene is to live with me and to provide for me through life in as comfortable a manner as the nature of the case will admit.

Lastly I nominate my beloved son R. A. Keene my Executor of this my last will and testament without giving security. Given under my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1846 by making my mark signed and sealed in presence of

Thomas Patterson  
William H. Wood

*Sarah Keene* *Seal*  
mark

# Moses W. Carson's Will

State of Tennessee I Moses W. Carson, being weak of body Washington County but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in form and manner following, viz.: 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Carson all the household and Kitchen furniture of every kind of which I may die possessed also all of the slaves which any or may be unappropriated at my death together with all the goods & chattels & live stock which I may own during her natural lifetime to be appropriated to her children as she may choose with the counsel and consent of my Executors except as hereinafter appropriated by me.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath unto Daughter Jane Berger fifty Dollars to be paid by my Executors twelve months after the execution of my will. 3<sup>rd</sup> I will bequeath unto my daughter Sinty Crookshank fifty Dollars to be paid by my Executors twelve months after my will is proven. 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my three youngest Daughters Elizabeth D. Carson, Martha Margaret Carson & Virginia Carson the plantation which is now known as the Waly Berger

# M. W. Carson's Will

farm which I purchased from him & Daniel Embaker as the executors of Christian Getty Deek to be divided equally between my three youngest daughters herein named which division is to be made equitably by my Executors by sale or otherwise at the discretion for the best interest of my three said daughters. I furthermore direct that my three youngest daughters herein named be appropriated by my beloved wife Margaret Carson and my Executors each alike and in property of a kind until they are made equal both in amount and in kind with my two oldest daughters Jane & Sinty the appropriations to be made when they come of age or marry.—

5<sup>th</sup> I wish my Executors to pay all my just debts and my funeral expenses out of debts which are due to me the other property remainder which may be due me I appropriate to my beloved wife Margaret Carson to assist her to support the family which I may leave I also leave to her the plantation wherein I reside as a home for her and her family.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son Alexander the plantation on which I now live subject to the conditions specified in the deed in which I executed to — for the part or parcel of land to him 7<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Carson my gray mare & Cattle, I furthermore give to my wife Margaret Carson one hundred Dollars more or less that I have on hands.

8<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth D. Carson my gray mare and colt known by the name of Kit.

9<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my daughter Virginia my roan mare known by the name of Trini.

10<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Carson my son Alexander H. Carson the entire stock of Cattle and hogs that is on hands. I furthermore give to my son Alexander the two wagons and farming utensils.

11<sup>th</sup> I furthermore hold a note of hand on John Clark and Company for four or five hundred Dollars, which I wish to be equally divided among the executors.

12<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son John P. Carson one hundred Dollars which I took in rail road stock.

13<sup>th</sup> I furthermore wish my stile and utensils belonging to the Distillery to be sold and the proceeds go to the use of the family with any other property that the Executors may think best to sell.

14<sup>th</sup> I further will and bequeath to my wife Margaret Carson one hundred Dollars to be paid by my son Alexander which is due me also a note of hand I hold on William Clark furthermore leave the carriage and harness to my wife Margaret Carson

15<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son John P. Carson