

Thomas Edwards will.

first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal. — Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Edwards, my household and kitchen furniture, and farming utensils, also my grangemare, and one cow, and also it is my will and desire that she remain in possession, and have the benefits of such portion of lands as shall remain after paying all my debts during ^{her} widowhood — or natural life. — Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my two daughters, Mary and Matilda Edwards, one horse, saddle and bridle, and one cow each to be equal in value with the rest of the property I have give to my heirs. — Fourthly, after the widowhood or death of my aforesaid wife, it is my will and desire that all my lands or property that shall remain to be equally divided among my heirs. I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed son in law H. J. Erwin Esq, and my beloved son John Edwards, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I, Thomas Edwards, the said Testator, have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 21st day of March 1844. Signed Sealed,

and published in presence of us

George Wilson,
Samuel H. Bogart

Thomas Edwards (read)
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The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, Sub Term 1849, by the oath of George Wilson and Saml H. Bogart, and ordered to be recorded.

Jonathan Barcroft's Will.

I Jonathan Barcroft, 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 a kind Providence has blessed me, I make, ordain and appoint the disposal of my estate in the following manner: First, to my beloved wife Jane Barcroft, and my beloved children, Jane Barcroft, Ambrose Barcroft, Elizabeth Barcroft, and Martha Barcroft, I give and bequeath all my property, both real and personal, after paying the herein after mentioned legacies, to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, or if my beloved wife should make choice, it is my desire and will that she have such portion thereof as is by the laws of this State left to the widows of intestates. Second, To my grand son, Ambrose Bell, son of John and Wiley Bell, I leave and bequeath the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty one year, or at some thereafter as he may demand the same, and if he should die before the above mentioned

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time, or before he apply for it then and in that event, it is to revert to my estate, and be equally divided between my before named children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. Third, I leave and bequeath to my daughter Mary Cowan, the one half of the plantation I own in Greene County, including the end on which she lives, during her natural life time, which land at the death of my beloved daughter Mary, is to be equally divided between my before mentioned children, namely, Jane, Ambrose, Elizabeth and Martha. I also give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Cowan, fifteen dollars annually during her natural life, which my Executors are to pay to her yearly, during her natural life time. Lastly, I hereby name and appoint my daughters Jane and Martha Barcroft my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills by me made. And my desire is that they be exempted from giving account for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of July 1844.

Signed and sealed in the presence of the undersigned, who witnessed the same at the request of the Testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other as his last will and testament.

Jonathan Barcroft (read)

James M. Pherson
James M. Duncan
Samuel J. Powell

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, by the oath of James M. Pherson and Samuel J. Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, August Term, 1848, and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas R. Kennedy's Will.

I, Thomas R. Kennedy, of the County and State of Tennessee, being afflicted in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament. — It is my desire that my funeral expenses with all my just debts be paid out of my estate, and in order to enable my Executors to the same, it is my desire that all the surplus property belonging to my estate be sold at public vendue, giving a reasonable credit to the purchaser, and that my wife be consulted by my Executors as to what property can be best spared so as not to interfere with the comfort or convenience of my family; and also, that my boy Dick, a slave for life, be sold, either at public vendue or private sale, as my Executors may think best for the interest of my estate; and after the payment of all my just debts by my Executors, should there be any money left in the hands of my Executors it is my desire that it be paid to my wife.

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aid her in raising and educating my children and for the support of my wife; and it is my desire that the balance of my property, both real and personal not otherwise disposed of, be disposed of in the following manner (viz) First, that my wife have the one third part of all my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life and the residue being two-thirds be divided ^{equally} between my three children Margaret and Charles A. when they come of age, or marry. And should either or both of my children come of age, or marry, so as to render a division of the property necessary, it is my desire, it is my desire that my wife Harriet keep my boy George and his wife Agnes during her natural life, they being her property, or one third part of the blacks. And it is my wish that my wife Harriet have the use and control of all my property not otherwise disposed of, both real and personal, until my children come of age or marry so as to require a division of the property. And should my wife at any time think it proper to sell any part or the whole of the personal estate, except the negroes, she is at liberty to do so, by and with the consent of my Executors, which might be proper in order to raise and educate my children and for the support of my wife. It is my wish that my children have the advantage of a good education and in order to that this my last will and testament be executed. I do hereby constitute and appoint John Ryland and Thos R. Blair my true and lawful Executors. In testimony whereof I have this day signed, sealed and delivered this my last will and testament in presence of - Test-

This H. Chute
Carl Kenney

T. R. Kennedy Seal

The above will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Thos H. Chute and Carl Kenney the subscribing witnesses thereto, who declare it to be acknowledged to them by the Testator July 5th 1847, - proven at August Term 1847 - ordered to be recorded.

Roland Hodges Will.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Roland Hodges, of the county of Washington and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the uncertainty of life doth hereby dispose of my worldly affairs in the following manner (to wit) After commending my soul to God who gave it, and my body to his plantation, wherein I now live during her natural life, with all the property and household furniture together with all moneys due me, or on hand to be used for her support if necessary, and at her death, the plantation and all the stock and also all moneys on hand or due me shall descend to my sons

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James George or his heirs, the household furniture and other moveable property shall be equally divided between my son James and my daughter Susannah Allison, and the heirs of my daughter, Elenor Allison dec'd. I further bequeath to my said wife Hannah my negro woman Fido, and after her death, the said Fido is to be free. I have heretofore given to my three daughters Elenor, Polly and Susannah the sum of seven hundred dollars each. I hereby constitute and appoint my son James Hodges my Executor of this my last will and Testament, and having full confidence in my said Executor, I request that he shall not be required to give security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1 day of September, 1845 in presence of

John Bowman,

Madison M. Bowman

his
Roland Hodges Seal
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The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of John Bowman, May Term 1849; and the oath of Madison M. Bowman, June Term 1849 - Subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Lewis Jordan's Will.

I, Lewis Jordan of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) First I direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner. Second I give and bequeath to my son, Archibald A. Jordan, my negro woman Fido and her son Jack, and whatever household furniture, or kitchen furniture I may have at my decease. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis H. Jordan's daughter Leona, my negro woman Caroline and her son Alfred to be hers and her heirs forever. Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my son David A. Jordan my negro woman Sophia to be his and his heirs forever. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann, my negro girl Julia, daughter of Caroline. Sixthly, as my daughter Maria Patton has received a negro woman that I raised, therefore I give and bequeath my grand daughter, Mary Jane Patton, my negro girl, Elmy to be hers and her heirs forever. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my son Archibald A. Jordan's three daughters, Mary, Harriette and Eliza my negro girl Hannah, to be theirs and their heirs forever. Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my son David H. Jordan's eldest daughter Mary my negro girl Fanny, to be hers and her heirs forever. Ninthly, Whereas I was at considerable expense in educating my eldest son, James Trimble, and so that I gave him the promise and a pledged myself to him that for said expense he would promise my son John by making him a book or sum of money and give some of land in West Tennessee, which promise he said Trimble complied with (as I have seen the deed) therefore I consider that he I shew here as much in said land as any of my children, telling into view the trouble and