

James Bell Will

I James Bell of Washington County & State of Tenn being of sound mind & memory do make ordain and publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any other time made

First I will my soul to god who gave it & my body to be decently buried by my executrix herein after named

Second I will and desire that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my executors out of the first money that may come to hand

Third I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Bell all my personal property of every description after funeral expenses and debts are paid. Also all my real estate to have and to hold both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood.

Fourth My will and desire is that after the death of my beloved wife - or if she should marry again - in either event it is my will & desire that all my personal & real estate be exposed to public sale by my executors at the highest bidder. The personal property on a credit of one year in equal installments & the proceeds to be equally divided among all my heirs share and share alike. In the event my beloved wife Sarah ~~King~~ should marry again she is then to have an equal share with ~~the~~ my Children - that is to have one child's part

Fifth I further will that in the sale of my land - if my executors deems best they may sell the whole together or divide so as to suit purchasers. And I further will that five hundred Dollars of the purchase money shall be paid in advance & the balance as before stated in equal installments of one & two years

Sixth & Seely - I hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife Executrix & my son Frederick Bell Executors of this my last will & Testament - Signed Sealed and ~~in~~ in

our presence day and date above written
Henry Hoop
Abraham Cassady
witness

James Bell Seal

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of Henry Hoop and Abraham Cassady & subscribing witnesses thereto at the February Term 1856
Henry Hoop Clerk

Thomas King Will

I Thomas King do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of at the time of my decease, or that may come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth King fifty acres of land being the tract which I bought of Billy King, which land was first conveyed to myself and Albert King and afterwards conveyed by Albert King to me - making me the entire owner. I also give and bequeath further to my daughter Ruth King fifty acres of land additional to the above to be conveyed off to her. She may direct without reference to record or ex. or us to include my present brick dwelling with the barn, meadows, orchards and any other out dwellings or buildings she may want including the spring. I further give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth King an interest of one half of my black boy servant and slave Jack, and the remaining interest to my son Albert King. (and knowing that he cannot be held profitably by both it is my will that one or other own him by paying such equivalent as they may agree upon. And if they cannot agree as to the value of him so that one or the other be come his owner, then he is to be valued by three disinterested men at a moderate valuation, which valuation shall be final. I also further give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth King my old family table, the Parlor, room with all its fixtures and a copper tea Kettle (and also hereby confirming to the said Ruth all the articles conveyed to her in a deed of gift made. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my sons James & John King, Albert King, Isaac King and the heirs of

Thomas King's Will.

King Dec (my) Thos King and John King an equal interest in the remaining portion of my land. The heirs of Thos King Dec. Only to be entitled to one interest between them. The entire remainder of my property including stock of every kind, household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils &c. Not heretofore disposed of by this will nor then of gift I direct to be sold at public sale save the beds covered cloths which I desire shall be divided amongst the heirs before mentioned by Ruth King after she has taken out her own. I also except one Cherry bureau which I hereby give and bequeath to my Grandson John King. I also direct that if my Rail Road Stock in the E. and Va. Rail Road Company cannot be divided then I direct that it be sold the same as my personal effects. And I further direct that the entire proceeds arising from the sale of my personal effects together with all money which may be in my possession at the time of my death after paying all just demands as first mentioned in this will shall be divided equally amongst my sons (my) Jonas L. King, Leamy King, Albert King, Thos King and the heirs of John King dec (my) Thos King & John King the two heirs being entitled to one interest between them. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Albert King my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand & seal this the 25 day of August 1853.

Signed Sealed and Published in our presence & we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator

August 25 1853

Vincent Borning
Landon & Hopf.

Thomas King (Seal)

I Thomas King having heretofore made and published my last will and testament, do make and declare this as a codicil thereto (to wit) First in addition to the foregoing legacies I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth King. Forty Bushels of wheat, One hundred Bushel of corn, Six hundred pounds of pork or its equivalent in Bacon and fifty pounds of lard. Five Bushels of Salt, Fifty Bushels of oats and Two Dms of Honey and all the soap and poultry belonging to the place. Lastly it is my desire that this Codicil

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be attached to and constitute a part of my will to all intents and purposes this 30 day of January 1856.

Signed Sealed and Published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator.

Vincent Borning
Landon & Hopf

Thos King (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven by the oaths of Vincent Borning and Landon & Hopf the subscribing witnesses thereto at Newark Tenn 1856.
Henry Hopf, Clerk.

John Riddle's Will.

In the name of God Amen I John Riddle being low in body but of sound mind and of good memory and feeling desirous to arrange and dispose of all my worldly affairs do make and institute this my last will and testament.

Section first

Art 2^d It is my will after my death and after paying my funeral expenses and all my just debts (Art 3^d I will and bequeath to my son Samuel D. Riddle a certain lot or boundary of land to be taken off of the farm I now live on to be run off as I have heretofore pointed out my son Thomas Riddle. Containing fifty acres more or less and valued at ten dollars per acre to be taken in to account in a final settlement with all my heirs.

Art 4th I will and bequeath to my son John Riddle one Clay bank mare saddle and bridle to be worth ~~one hundred~~ Twenty five dollars and one bed and bedding this is to make him equal with my other children when they left me. - I also give to my son John the balance of my plantation due to be one hundred and twenty five acres to be rated to him at ten dollars per acre on a final settlement with all my heirs.

Art 5th I will and bequeath to my Granddaughter Mary a Bull for her kindness towards me one bed and bedding one side saddle and one cow worth Ten Dollars.