

George Jackson's Will

In the name of god Amen. I George Jackson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in common health Part of sound mind and memory thanks be given unto god calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and resign my soul into the hand of almighty god that gave it and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my executor nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the allmighty power of god and as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased god to Bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: first I give and Bequeath to George Jackson my son all my lands and tenements By his paying the other heirs seventy five dollars each in Current Bank notes and also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Jackson Twenty five dollars to be paid by George Jackson my son extra of the seventy five Dollars and also she is to have half the household furniture and all my other property is to be sold at my death, and the effects equally divided between all my children, Rachel Bacon, Dorcas Bacon, Pear Bacon, germina Bacon, Hannah Coker, Elizabeth Jackson, William Jackson, Sabea Jackson, George Jackson my four sons and I also appoint George Jackson my son executor of this my last will and testament and hereby utterly disallow Revokes and Disannuls all and every other former Testaments with legacies bequests and executors By me in anywise Reprie named willed and Bequeathed Testifying and confirming this and no other to Be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty. Signed pronounced and declared by the said George Jackson as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presents and in the presence of each other have here by subscribed our names

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court August Term 1851, by the oath of William Douglass and Chase Mable two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.

Thomas A. R. Waldren's Will

I Thomas A. R. Waldren, being of sound mind but weak of body to make this my last will and testament, thereby revoking all other wills by me made. And first I desire that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid; and secondly, I desire that my wife Margaret A. R. Waldren have all my household and kitchen furniture and one Cow, and thirdly I desire then that all the rest of my property and rents of my land and all the interest that I have in the farm whereon my father lived and died. I with others, being his lawful heirs be sold as soon as practicable after my death, either by private or public sale so as to be to the best advantage, and after my funeral Expenses and debts are satisfied, the residue be put at interest for the benefit of my son William A. Waldren, and the interest of said money to be applied to the raising and schooling my said son until he shall arrive at the age of twenty one, then he is to receive the principal, and fourthly I desire that if my son die before he is of age that my wife have the interest of said money so long as she remains single and if she gets old and is able to make a living that she draw so much of the principal as will support her. and fifthly I desire that if my son die before he is of age and my wife marry again then whatsoever remains of my estate be appropriated to the furnishing of tombstones to the graves of my self, wife, children, father and mother, brother, sister and if my sister Caroline die here, here also and the child of my brother Franklin, then if any thing remains to some charitable purpose (viz) Methodist cause of the Methodist & Baptist Church, and sixthly I desire that William Read Esq. and my wife be the Executors of this my last will and testament given under my hand and Seal

Thos. A. R. Waldren Seal
 This day May 1851.
 Signed and sealed in the presence of William Read
 Wm. Read day and date above.
 The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court August Term 1851 by the oath of William Read and Wm. Read, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.

James McWister's Will

I James McWister of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind memory & judgment, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows: - Viz 1st I give and bequeath my black horse (called John) to my son Samuel R. McWister, also the plantation whereon I now live to be his after his mother's death & after not to be disturbed in any way during her natural life & if Samuel R. & his mother cannot agree as to the right of property they shall leave it to two or more disinterested men chosen by themselves

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but neither of them shall be disturbed or departed from the use of the Water the Spring, where the Spring-house now stands shall belong to both.

2nd It is my will that all the land lying east of the lane shall be a support to my family wife with a sufficiency of timber for fences & firewood & each one to have the privilege of house room Barn & crib room. In case men should be called in to decide any difficulty a liberal construction shall be made for both parties.

3rd It is my Will that all the property on hand be disposed of to pay my just debts & funeral expenses except what will be necessary for the support of the family such as horses, Waggons farming utensils & stock of all kinds.

4th I give & bequeath to my daughter Frances Murray one dollar.

5th I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza R. Massey one dollar.

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Luciza Crockett my negro woman Polly & her son Alex^r. But if she is not pleased with the bequest, she is to have my step-daughter Minerva in the room of Polly & Alex^r. And if they cannot agree in the swap the said step-daughters shall be sold to the highest bidder & my daughter Luciza to have four hundred dollars out of what they may sell for & whatever is over to go on to the general Estate for the support & education of James McAllister.

7th I give & bequeath to my daughter Eleanor McKing my negro girl Rachel.

8th I give & bequeath to my daughter Margaret C. McAllister my steps by Saml & Sarah but if she does not wish to take Sarah as part of her portion it is my will that she (Sarah) be sold & my daughter Margaret C. to have the money arising therefrom, and to have household furniture & other things equal to my daughter Luciza of whatever may be on hand when she may need the same but also to be at her mother's control while she Margaret lives in the family.

9th It is my will that my son Saml R. McAllister have as much out of a cash note I hold on A. A. Boyles as will be sufficient to pay for the Barn he has built & the remainder of said note if any to go to Margaret C. & her mother.

10 It is my will that my son Saml R. McAllister have possession immediately after my decease of the two fields on the north side of the Jonesborough road.

11 It is my will that all the notes on hand at my death (including a note on Miller & McAllister of Sullivan County) the interest to be used in supporting & educating my sons James & the principal of Bonelli to be his when of age.

12th It is my Will that if any property remains after paying or settling off all the bequests that it be sold & one half of the price to go to my wife Susan, and the other half to be equally divided among my children.

13th It is my will & earnest request that if any difficulty should arise

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in the construction, and legality of any part of this my last will & Testament it shall be decided by referees chosen by those who are interested & if any of my heirs institute a suit in Law or Equity to alter or break this will - It is my will that his or her request be withheld & equally divided among the rest of my children.

14 It is my will that my friends George W. Leford & E. L. Meathes be Executors of this my last will & Testament without requiring security, signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this 18th day of April A.D. 1856.

Pleasant W. C. Greenway

Paul G. McCracken

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, December Term 1856, by the oaths of Pleasant W. C. Greenway and Samuel G. McCracken, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.

Mary Wilcox's Will.

Last will & Testament of Mary Wilcox.

In the name of God Amen.

I Mary Wilcox of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being weak in body & low in health; but of sound mind & judgement, calling to mind the uncertainty of life & the certainty of Death; Do make this my last will and Testament.

Item 1. I will my body to be decently buried & my soul to God who gave it, that my funeral expenses be paid out of my effects & that all my just debts be paid. —

Item 2. It is my will, that after my debts are paid, all the residue of my property or money & effects of or belonging to my Estate shall be Equally distributed to the four children of my brother Abram Bayles Dead, the names of the distributers are as follows (viz.) William E. Bayles, Ellenora Bayles, Mary Louisiana Bayles & Susan Bayles, or should they be dead to their heirs at law. —

Item 3. I do hereby constitute & ordain my friend Samuel R. Cagney as my only lawful Executor of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby revoke & disannul all former wills & acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of these witnesses this 27th of February 1856.

Attest A. C. Jackson

J. B. Murphy

Codicil to the above Will.

Item 1. It is my desire & request that after my debts repaid & it is in

Mary Wilcox