

Frederick Devault's Will.

commen security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Frederick Devault in presence of, who in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Samuel G. Hyatt, 3

Isiah Sturgis 3

Matth S. Chan. 3

Frederick Devault, Esq. (Great Seal)

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court September Term 1847, by the oath of Samuel G. Hyatt and Matth S. Chan. two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. This Devault executed do. Wm. McKee to recording.

Isaac S. Johnston's Will. (about 225 words)

I make this as my last will and testament. With regard to my temporal affairs it is my Will, and Wish first of all, that my debts be paid. I do not wish any more of my property sold, than will effect that purpose. After that whatever balance there may be remaining, whether it be real or personal, by gift or descent or otherwise, whatever within my control I give to my wife Elizabeth C. Johnston, to keep her use and disposal. I request of her to make some provision in her lifetime for the maintenance of our colored people at her decease; it is not my wish that they should remain in bondage after our decease. For in now that this will shall be carried into effect I do hereby appoint my Executor and my wife my Co-Executor. Given under my hand this 1st day of December 1847. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of William C. Chan, Isiah Sturgis.

Isaac S. Johnston, Esq. (Great Seal)

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, February Term 1848, by the oath of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; also the State qualified.

Jane Hannah's Will.

I, Jane Hannah of the County of Washington State of Tennessee, calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of when life do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. 1st After my decease, my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money that may be due at my death. 2nd I give and bequeath to my two daughters, Esther and Lucinda, jointly, all the household, cupboard and Kitchen furniture (including my cloth room) of every description that was left at my disposal to me by my husband Andrew Hannah died. I give to them jointly my flock of about 1000 one and bequeath to my son, called Will, and to

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Ed Lucinda my son, called Will. I also give and bequeath to my daughters a note or the benefit of a note presented to me by Harmon back and J. B. Harmon, given for one hundred and thirty three dollars and 72 cts. 3rd I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Hannah, a bay horse colt. 4th I give and bequeath to my grandson Andrew Hannah, a bay mare colt, also to Ed William and Andrew my share of dravest. 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Ann Hannah, my side saddle. 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret Brinkley, one grain bed and bedding. 7th I give to my daughter A. D. Telford, one feather bed and bedding. Lastly I constitute and appoint G. W. Telford, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and that Ed Executor be released from, with bond, and security on the execution of said Will.

Witness my hand and seal, January 1st, 1845.

Isiah Sturgis, Esq.

William H. Chan

Jane Hannah, Esq. (Great Seal)

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In addition to the within requests I give and bequeath to my two daughters Esther and Lucinda P. and to my daughter in law, Ann Hannah, jointly, what money called I have raised since my husband's death, and what farming utensils I have purchased together with my stock of hogs and whatever grain and provisions of every kind that may be in hands and the growing crop that may be in the ground at my decease. Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of February 1847.

Signed by her mark and acknowledged in the presence of

E. C. McChesney

E. C. McChesney

Jane Hannah, Esq. (Great Seal)

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The foregoing Will and Codicil attached thereto were duly proven in open Court May Term 1847, by the subscribing witnesses attached thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Abraham Miller's Will.

Abraham Miller of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may die possessed of, and may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give to William Eliza Miller and my daughter Sarah Jane Miller, twenty dollars each to be placed in the hands of a guardian for their use when they come of age. Thirdly, I will that my mare and all my personal property be sold to the best advantage, and the proceeds, with all other moneys on hand after paying the above bequests, be equally divided.

Abm Miller's Will.

Elizabeth Martha Poy, Son, James & Daniel, Pelly, Sarah Jane, and William Elizabeth Miller.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Daniel H. Miller, my son, my Executor. In witness whereof I do this my Will set out my hand and seal this 13th day of February 1847.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence,

and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 13th day of Feb: 1847.

Wm. P. Nichols,
Alfred Carr,
Peter H. Reeves.

Abraham Miller. Seal

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, April Term 1847, by the oath of all the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Sunday Hale's Will.

I, Sunday Hale, a negro of color, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my general expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that may be received of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Richard, twelve and one half acres of land, which he has already got, and has been paid for by him. Third I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth, two five and one half acres of land lying joining the piece of land that was laid off to Richard and in the same form that Richard was laid off.

Fourth I give and bequeath to the rest of my body, living, namely, I Malinda, Sarah, Hannah, Abigail, Eliza, and the two sons of my daughter Doreen, to wit: Samuel Franklin Doreen and Charles, the balance of my land and all my personal property, to have and to hold the same from all other persons.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Abraham Richard Hale, my Executor. In witness whereof I do this my Will set out my hand and seal this 11th day of June 1848.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 11th day of June, 1848.

attest: William D. Hale,
Benjamin Shipley

Sunday Hale. Seal

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, July Term 1849, by the oath of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Jane Borens Will.

In the name of God, Amen! Jane Borens of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and usual memory, then, half blind, for the disposition of the portion of lands with which my husband Nathaniel hath blessed me, and because I have a desire to give a small portion to my black man Adam, deem it right to make and constitute the following instrument of writing my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First, I recommend my soul to the mercy of God through the all sufficient and meritorious death and suffering of the well-blessed Saviour through whose constant mediation and intercession and through an unbroken faith that in I have no doubt of my acceptance. Second, I submit my body to the dust, its natural element to rest in silence until the morning of the Resurrection when I shall rise, it will be quickened and fashioned according to the image of him who is the Resurrection and the life. Thirdly, for the support and maintenance of my black man Adam and one small child of his which I give to him named Caroline to have and to hold his natural life. He is then to be free, or if he do not Adam may choose to free his negro girl before his death he may do so at Will. I also will and bequeath to them during their natural lives one young black man named Pat, one Will ten twenty bushels of corn and ten bushels of Wheat, three Broom Hens and three of my common red geese and one blunder. Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my mother one bay mare called Nell. Fifthly, My Will is that Thomas W. Childs be paid for his labor of his black boy, James Edmondy agreeable to our contract as heretofore, so long as I shall remain in my service. Sixthly, I will and bequeath to my grand son George J. Childs one young and white mare named Fanny. Seventhly, I will and bequeath to my daughter, first to Caroline one Dollar, Repard one Dollar, Abigail one Dollar, and one Dollar, Eighthly, I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah all the horses, cows, hogs and sheep and grain that may be at my death, and as to my household furniture I wish my children to divide it equally amongst themselves upon partition. And lastly, I name John C. Ripen and Thomas Childs my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the thirtieth first day of July eighteen hundred and forty seven.

Test: John C. Ripen,
J. C. Ripen,
J. C. Childs

Jane Borens. Seal

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, September Term 1847, by the oath of the witnesses attached thereto and ordered to be recorded.