

# William Crookshanks Will.

before us who in his presence are at his request  
have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto } William Crookshanks Esq.  
William Humphreys.

Benjamin McLain The foregoing will was presented upon court by the said  
Richard McLain of William Humphreys and Richard McLain the  
of the subscribing witness's witness, and recorded.

# Thomas Nelson's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Nelson of Washington County and State of  
Virginia being made of long life of sound mind, and also knowing the uncertainty of time,  
the certainty of death, do herein and hereby make this my last will and testament. For  
I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave to be buried in Christ  
the manner, after which the worldly goods that I possess and all my land I will to be  
divided as follows, in the following manner. First I will all my debts by land or  
water to be paid by the sale of my house-hold furniture, and all my moveable and poor  
property, and all my notes and accounts to be collected. I bequeath to my son  
Robert, Eighty three acres of land, including my barn, part of my dwelling house  
stables house hills and tubs, provided he pays to Matthew Stephenson what sum  
of the price of the large hill - the part here bequeathed is not to comprehend the  
little orchard nor the spring near it on the plantation I bought of John  
Johnson but the fence is to be moved as far as the little orchard on a line  
from where the fence now croppeth the branch to the great road, then take from the 83 in  
to comprehend the remainder of hairy plantation I bequeath as follows. The division to  
commence on Lewis Racharts line and run to Matthew Stephensons line the next  
third to comprehend the house and Spring, where my son Robert now lies -  
middle division comprehending the little orchard and Spring aforesaid I give  
and bequeath to my grandson William D. Nelson, he being son of my deceased  
son Andrew, one of the two last mentioned parts, which of them his son  
Andrew to take, the boy being under age. I will my son Andrew to  
act as guardian and father for this William, but in no case shall my  
son Andrew make said land his own nor sell the possession, although  
he may always have his living and residence thereon. I give and bequeath to my son  
George W. Nelson the remaining part of my plantation after Andrew has his share  
and if any one of the three wishes to change with another, they may exchange land  
for accommodation. I give and bequeath to my daughter Luinda Shultz, two  
hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my daughter Juliana, two hundred dol-  
lars, she may provide a bed. I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria  
one, two hundred dollars, she can provide a bed. I give and bequeath to my  
grandson Johnson of John, one hundred dollars to be paid him when he  
is nearly one year of age by my three sons to whom I have sold the land  
nearly or their heirs. The two hundred dollars I have allowed my daughters are  
to be paid them in the same proportion as the above.

# Thomas Nelson's Will.

But if any of my daughters choose to take Study at one hundred dollars  
I shall have her and one hundred dollars for her share in full. I share  
my daughters Juliana and Mary Lane, that part of my home known to  
name of my old end of the house, with liberty of fine wood on any part of  
a plantation, this bequeath to continue so long as any of them remain  
single - But if the more away from the said house, it reverts or falls to  
Robert, and they shall not rent it. The three eights of Robert McLean estate, I  
now to be divided as my other land is divided, viz to Robert one part, to George one  
part, and to my grandson William D. one part - but if my executors has not  
lands enough to satisfy the debts and my daughter portions, he may sell the said land  
to satisfy the said demands. But if my sons or any of them choose to take the 3d  
divisions of Land with the invention, they or each of them may secure such payment  
to be paid in two or three years to the sisters. I hereby appoint my trusty friend  
John Robert B. Nelson my executor, without giving security, and any thing  
I have omitted to mention or any of my property coming to the knowledge of my said  
executor, he is to act the same as if I had mentioned it in writing. My Executor is to  
superintend the surveying and laying off or dividing of my home plantation as divide the  
to designate the property of my single daughters as to the part of the house they occupy  
and settle all manner of things belonging to said estate. Signd. sealed and acknowledged  
to be my last Will and Testament this seventh day of March 1835

Thomas Nelson (Seal)

Matthew Stephenson  
Isaac McPherson  
Emaline Charlton  
John B. McCracken

Codicil. It is also my will should it so happen that may not be sufficient  
of my estate to pay all the legacies in full they are to be reduced to a rate proportionate  
to the value of each legacy. But should there remain an excess after the payment of all  
my just debts and the legacies made in this will, that residue is to be paid in equal  
portions to each of the legatees named in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal  
the date of the above will signed, pronounced and declared by the testator to be  
his will and testament.

In the presence of  
Matthew Stephenson  
Isaac McPherson  
Emaline Charlton  
John B. McCracken

Thomas Nelson (Seal)

Addenda - It is my will that instead of \$200 bequeath to each my daughters  
in the foregoing that they be each allotted the sum of one hundred  
and that part of the will allowing to each of them \$200 is hereby revoked as to  
it to \$100 each. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
to the 7th day of March 1835

# Thomas Nelson's Will.

Signed, pronounced and declared to be his will  
in presence of us.

Thomas Nelson *(Signature)*

Matthew Stephenson

Isaac McPherson *E* The foregoing will was proven in open court  
Emaline Hartnett *E* by the oaths of Matthew Stephenson and Isaac  
McPherson, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and re-  
corded.

# William King's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I William King of the State of Tennessee  
and Washington County, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory,  
thank to be given to God, calling my 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 recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty  
God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried  
in Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting  
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by  
the mighty power of God; and as touching my worldly estate, as it has  
pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of as  
follows:—First I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha A. King, a  
negro woman, named Ruth, Brice and Atom, also her girls, named Poll and Camille a  
she piece of one of my houses that shall be left on hand at my death, also the choice of  
one of my cattle that shall be left on hand at my death, to be hers and her heirs  
forever. Secondly—I give and bequeath to my son Thomas King, a certain tract  
of land lying and being in the State of Tennessee, Sumner County, on the first  
big branch that empties into Drakes Creek, containing one hundred and twenty-five  
acres, be the same more or less, to him and his heirs forever. Thirdly—I also give  
and bequeath to my son George G. King the tract of land herein above  
mentioning, one hundred and fifty acres, be the same more or less, with three me-  
adows, named Hobson, Mary and Knight, to him and his heirs to have and to  
hold forever. I also order that my son George G. King shall pay to my son  
Thomas King the sum of one hundred and thirty eight dollars eighteen cents  
after my death, to be discharged in current bank notes. Lastly, I order  
my sons Thomas King and George G. King to be my sole executors of this my  
last will and testament, and so truly,ately, disallow, revoke and declare  
all and every former testament, wills, legacies bequeaths and executors  
by me in any wise before named, ratifying and confirming this  
and no other to be my last will and testament. In testifying whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of January  
1839.

# William King's Will.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us

Richard Carr *E*

Alfred Carr *E* The foregoing will was proven in open

James M. Carr *E* Court by the oaths of Alfred Carr  
and James M. Carr two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and re-  
corded.

# John Tipton's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I John Tipton being of sound mind  
and memory and having before me that all in this kind are doomed  
to die, I make this my last will and testament. First, I give and  
bequeath my soul to God the giver of all good. Second I give and  
bequeath the Land and premises where I now reside to my three  
children, Samuel P. Tipton, Elizabeth J. Tipton and Edny M.  
Tipton, to be equally divided according to quality and quantity, but among  
to Samuel P. the part where includes the house, and equal privileges as to  
the uses with all—I will that all my personal estate be disposed of to the  
satisfaction of my debts, and if any thing left then, I wish it equally  
divided among all my children, having heretofore given to Stephen R.  
Tipton, Mary Ann, Margaret A., Emaline, Marrian P. and Lucinda M.  
all that part of my estate aboves further the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1831.

John Tipton *(Signature)*

Signed and sealed

in the presence of us

A. M. Clegg

Christian Carrigan

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of  
Christian Carrigan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
and recorded.

# Henry Botts' Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I Henry Botts of the State of Tennessee and  
Washington County, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind  
and memory, before God, do the twenty ninth day of August 1835 make and publish  
as my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say, I give and  
bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Botts all the property I possess, as well as land  
as all personal property, bonds, notes &c during her natural life, except so much  
as she may have to sell to pay my debts, and so much of it as herein after attorney  
may bequeath. And my will is that at the death of my wife that my lands  
be divided between my four sons, Jacob, William, John and Joseph so as to  
have an equal share, and so divided as to let Joseph have the buildings  
he built in the town of Lebanon, Tennessee.