

David Wilson's will

I David Wilson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following I give unto my wife Phoebe Wilson all my personal estate to dispose of among her children as she pleases in the full half of My plantation including the building and my black woman attorned as she thinks proper at her death. I give unto my son Robert C. Wilson the other half of My plantation the plantation to be divided to both both parts as well as with her son follow my son Robert C. Wilson to pay to his Mother the price of a black boy he to the of Man or to get her some help in the place of the boy - As for the rest of My children I leave them Mother at her death to divide the property as she please & I leave them nothing now but one certain piece - I do hereby appoint my wife Phoebe Wilson executrix & John Stephenson & George Campbell executors of My last will and testament as witness My hand and seal the 14th of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty eighth

David Wilson

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of George Campbell, Hugh Campbell & Brothman Campbell the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Phoebe Wilson executrix to the foregoing will gave bond & security & qualification as the law directs (The other two executors declining qualifying)

Elizabeth Webb's Will

In the name of God amen

I Elizabeth Webb of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being in perfect mind & memory thanks be to God, Calling to mind the Mortality of My body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will & testament First of all I give & recommend my soul unto God and My body unto the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial

And bequeathing My worldly estate that God has been pleased to bless me with in this life I give & devise in the following manner First of all My black woman named Hannah. I become My wish and will when it is the will of God to take me out of this world that she the said Hannah shall be & remain free from the service of any other person that she be her own Guardian to do and to transact Business for herself and for interest Independent of the said & interest of any other person to come in & to go back when & where she may think proper so long as she may live - And as to the balance of My estate, I give them be after paying My personal Charges I wish to be equally divided among My Children in such way as destination I as well to answer any other will or testament & the share of the remaining interest of My estate. I do hereby utterly disavow any other will or testament & the share of My last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed My Name as do My hand & seal this 23rd day of December in the year of our Lord 1827

Elizabeth Webb

The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oaths of John Stephenson & John Stephenson & John Stephenson the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Thomas Brown's Will

In the name of God amen

I Thomas Brown of Washington County & State of Tennessee being of sound & perfect mind & memory (Help be to God) do this twenty second day of April one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine make & publish this my last will & testament in manner following. That is to say. First I leave to my wife Dan as much of the home place as she may choose and as much of the house hold and kitchen furniture as she may have any one of our children Hannah Baines & Dorcas during her natural life or widowhood And I do request that my land be divided in the following manner that is to say equally among my four children I wish to take his part where he now lives, George take his part where he now lives and my daughter Tomason Bayles where she now lives & William to have his part of the old place on the river to be divided according to quantity & quality & I wish George and Bayles are not to be charged with their improvements I wish to have George, Tomason to have Harry, George to have Log or Elizabeth & William is to have Grace and my wife is to have My two Mares in the same manner as the Asher property and what stock of Cattle & Hogs for the use of the family My Gray stud horse & Smith tools to be sold to pay my debts & at the death of my wife the balance of My personal & personal estate to be equally divided between my four children - And I do hereby make & Ordain my son David & Thomas Bayles executors of this my last will & testament - In witness whereof I the said Thomas Brown have to this my last will & testament set my hand & seal the day & year above written

Thomas Brown

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Thomas Brown the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

Attest George Stephenson

John Bostler

George Murr

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of George Stephenson, John Bostler & George Murr the undersigned judges of the County of Washington at July Term 1829

Shadrach Brown and Samuel G. Bayles, executors, gave bond & security and qualification as the law directs

Abraham Odell's Will

In the name of God amen

I Abraham Odell of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being in perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding and considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous of settling My worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me home I do therefore make & publish this my last will & testament in manner and form as follows. That is to say first and principally I bequeath My last will & testament to the hands of Abigail God and my body to earth to be buried without the decorations of My Christian burial after I have and after My debts are paid I then give & bequeath the land on which I now live to my wife Mary Odell during her life & widowhood and after her death I wish my two sons Samuel & John to have it. I do My wish that the estate and other property on the plantation be for the use & support of My wife Mary Odell during her life

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James Odell David Odell Jeremiah Odell & Rebecca Thorne. Also it is my wish that the three Negroes who have with and serve my wife Mary Odell during her life and then for my daughter Margaret to have the girl called Hannah & my daughter Mary Thorne to have the girl called Alice. and my two sons Samuel & John to have the boy called Ben. and it is my express wish that the above named Negroes are not to be sold out of the family— And I appoint Rebecca Odell & John Odell to be my true and lawful executors. I also wish my wife Mary Odell to have the disposal of her own land as she may think proper— In testimony to the above I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 28th of March in the year of our Lord 1829

in presence of
White River

Blayton River } The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Affirmation of White River and Blayton River the Subscribing witnesses thereto at July Term 1829 & recorded, Samuel Odell & John Odell, executors, gave bond & surety and qualified as the law directs

Abraham Odell (Seal)

William Nelsons will

In the Name of God Amen.

I William Nelson of Washington & State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of life, and desiring to give of my own Mind & Memory here thought proper to make this my last will & testament. First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one horse now in my possession. Then I give my flock of sheep my household & kitchen furniture of every description during her Natural life. It is also my wish & desire that she may continue to receive her support & maintenance from my son Mark W Nelson according to the true purport & meaning of a bond I have on said Mark W Nelson for my support and maintenance and her support. Secondly I give unto my Mark W Nelson my part of the wagon now on the farm of every description and the small Grass that is now in the field— And it is further my wish & desire that after the death of my beloved wife Mary if she should survive me that my executors, do all the property heretofore specially devised to my said wife, after paying all my last debts and paying my funeral expenses, to be equally divided between & then also amongst my six daughters (to wit) Jane wife of William Dagen, Leisha wife of William Dagen, Eliza wife of James Pearce, Simeon wife of Patrick McCall, Polly Nelson & Susan Nelson— Thirdly, I have a claim to a tract of land in the State of Virginia and Shenandoah County which land I claim by entry it is my wish & desire that Thomas the eldest of he can receive said it since he is living. On my last Executor to clothe him with full power & authority to commence for the recovery of the said land as for my six daughters and then his bond to give him full power & authority to receive said land, and I give unto the said Thomas the one half of the value of said land for recovery of the said land is not to run my estate to any expense about the said land, & after said land should be recovered the other half the value of said land to be paid heretofore specially devised. I give & bequeath unto my above named six daughters to be equally divided among them— Fourthly it is my wish and desire that my

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woman Fanny & my Niece Mon. Maria Jacob to be full or be an executrix & I do again to be my executor. Taken at some quarter to the hour in said last made. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons William Nelson & Mark W Nelson my executors to this my last will & testament— hereby making & certifying under all seals & testaments heretofore made by me— In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th March 1824

Attest Richard Carr
Jacob Klippner

Peter Taylor

William Nelson (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of Richard Carr Jacob Klippner & Peter Taylor the Subscribing witnesses thereto at July Term 1829 & recorded, William Nelson & Mark W Nelson the executors, gave bond and surety and qualified as the law directs—

Walker Barron Will

I Walker Barron of the State of Tennessee Washington County being for some time past in a low state of health, but still of perfect sound mind & memory & knowing that it is appointed for all men to die and for such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with do make this instrument of writing my last will & testament in the following manner. First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Peggy Barron and my daughter Polly the plantation whereon I now live with all improvements thereon belonging and also a Negro girl called Clara together with all my household goods & furniture to be equal in use between them for their benefit & support, and my will is that they live together during my wifes lifetime, & at her death the said Negro & other property left at her death to be the property and possession of my daughter Polly forever— Secondly I have heretofore given to my other children as they married & left me such of my estate as I then could spare for them. I now give & bequeath to them the several sums they have lately or received— Thirdly my will is that all the balance of my estate not hereinbefore bequeathed by me be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my wife & children by my executors also a small tract or piece of land sold by me to Nathaniel Jones for which no grant has yet been obtained and when said grant is obtained, thereby authorize my executors to make him a title to the same, in as full and ample manner as I could do myself. Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend Thomas Barron Executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills legacies & bequests made by me & pronounced this to be my last will and testament— In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty three signed sealed in the presence of

Walker X Barron (Seal)
Mark

Attest Richard Carr
Jacob Klippner
Peter Taylor } The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of Richard Carr Jacob Klippner & Peter Taylor two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto at July Term 1829 & recorded— Thomas Barron the executor gave bond & surety and qualified as the law directs—