

Robert Forbes Will.

Men, on half to be and remain in the possession of my wife Elizabeth Forbes and the other half to be sold in such manner and on such credit as will bring the most and the money arising from such sale to be put an interest by my executor, to the use and benefit of my daughter Polly Forbes until she is of age to receive the principal which she is then to receive. An Inventory of all my property and the valuation of the same thereon is to be returned to court with the said and best of sale as a record of the proceeding of the executor. And I Robert Forbes do nominate and appoint Adam Mattenberger & my old executor to execute this my last will & testament of and I do hereby nominate as former legacies &c. Declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Robert Forbes do hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth eighth of July Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirtym.

Robert Forbes (Seal) Mark

I am forsworn who in the presence have subscribed our names
Adam Mattenberger
John Gough
John Gough
John Gough
The above will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Adam Mattenberger and John Gough in the presence of the undersigned witnesses at Newbern Superior 1843 and ordered to be recorded. Adam Mattenberger qualified as Executor to the above will.

John Cowan's Will

In the name of God Amen
I John Cowan of Washington County & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory and willing to mind the uncertainty of life do hereby declare this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say in the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth from whence it came at the direction of my executor hereafter named and as to my worldly estate I will and bequeath it as follows: First I will & bequeath my Negroes Daniel Harry & Elijah and their future increase to Richard Carr his heirs and assigns for ever reasonably. I give and bequeath my Negro boy Ned to Jacob Ellis his heirs & assigns for ever and it is my request & hope that said Carr & Ellis would permit my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Cowan to have the use of said Negroes during her life or so long as she may want their service. Secondly I will & bequeath that all my personal estate of every kind whatsoever not hereafter bequeathed to remain on my plantation for the support and maintenance of my dearly beloved wife during her life and after her death to be sold by executor hereafter named and the amount of said sale to be paid of in fullness. I give and bequeath to said Ellis & his heirs four hundred dollars. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my brother James Cowan his heirs three hundred dollars. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Thomas

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who is to remain in the possession of my plantation during her life it is my will & desire that said plantation when I am dead be sold at twelve months credit by my executor on the demand or demand of those who are hereby vested with full power & authority to convey the same to any purchaser and the proceeds of the sale in appropriation to the payment of the legacies herein bequeathed - And should there remain any thing over and above the legacies herein bequeathed it is my will and desire that my nephew James brother jr. have three hundred dollars - and should there be any money or other estate not herein bequeathed it is my will & desire that the same be divided between my brother and sister & their heirs there are then called. And lastly it is my will & desire that my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Cowan Richard Carr & Jacob Ellis be executor & executrix of this my last will & testament. hereby overruling and annulling all wills and testaments heretofore made by me & conforming this to be my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of August 1843 signed sealed and published by John Cowan to be his last will & testament in presence of us who hereunto our hands in the presence of the testator & in presence of each other the day & year above written
George Humphreys
Wm Carr
Samuel Denton

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of George Humphreys Samuel Denton William Carr & Samuel Denton the subscribing witnesses at Newbern Superior 1843 & ordered to be recorded. Richard Carr and Jacob Ellis qualified as executors to the foregoing will.

Henry Powell Will.

In the name of God Amen
I Henry Powell of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being much of body but of perfect mind and memory do hereby declare this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say in the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came at the direction of my executor hereafter named and as to my worldly estate I will and bequeath it as follows: First I will & bequeath my plantation which I call the plantation where William Smith now lives together with all my household goods and movable effects except as the God's come of my 1/2 of the plantation to each one a grove bed and furniture, a horse and saddle apiece three head of cattle and a bureau. And likewise I give to my two beloved sons John and Joseph the plantation on Little Creek when Elijah Matthews is partitioned for them to divide between themselves as they may agree but they are not to have it until they arrive to the age of twenty one year and the plantation at

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In the death and if she die before they come to the years of twenty and the plantation is to be rented out by the Administration and the rents of property to be paid to the son of the children until they come of age and the balance of my property to be equally divided amongst all my children. I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and I do hereby disavow all other and disannul all and every other Testament by me in any way before named, testifying and Confirming this to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the twenty fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Signed sealed published, pronounced and declared by the said Henry Powell as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names Attest Charles H. Blanding Levi Beas Amos Hale

Henry Powell (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oath of Amos Hale and affirmation of Levi Beas. Two of the subscribing Witnesses at November 23rd 1812 and ordered to be recorded

Samuel Denton's will

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Denton of Washington County State of Tennessee being weak of body but of a sound and perfect Memory of understanding (helped by God for the same) do make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is. And first of all I commend my immortal soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a dust & Christian like manner at the direction of my exorsors hereinafter named and as to such worldly estate as I have with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner (to wit) First Secondly I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha a tract of land lying on the waters of Cherokee Creek in the County of Washington containing one hundred and twenty eight acres during her natural life and after her decease to be sold and divided here and there alike between my sons Thomas John Jonathan David and Samuel Denton to them or their survivors & their heirs for ever Thirdly I give and devise that my land lying in back County Caswell's Creek be divided among my sons Thomas John Jonathan David & Samuel Denton share & share alike to inure to them and their heirs for ever or my sons or heirs they dispose of said land when the youngest arrives at the age of twenty one year and divide the amount of said land between them share and share alike and the said land to be sold cattle my youngest son Samuel comes of age Fourthly and I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha all my household and kitchen furniture & furniture utensils & three head of cattle

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and all my stocks of sheep & hogs with fifty dollars in cash Fifthly it is my will that the remainder of my movable property be sold at public sale and my last debts all paid out of the amount and the residue of the Money arising from said sale to be divided between all my daughters. Namely Luiza Luiza Tabitha Abigail Martha & Anna. Given Tabitha Abigail Martha & Anna thirty dollars each a piece more than Luiza & Luiza and the three hundred dollars that is now owing to me by John Miller to be equally divided among my aforesaid six daughters share & share alike And lastly I nominate and appoint my aforesaid wife Martha to be my executrix of this my last will hereby revoking all other wills legacies and bequests by me heretofore made and declaring this and no other to be my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four years 1814 Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Samuel Denton his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request hereunto subscribed our names

Attest Henry Beas John Miller John Miller The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oaths of Henry Beas John Miller and John Miller the before say witnesses here to at February 23rd 1814 and ordered to be recorded, Martha Denton qualified as co executrix to the foregoing will -

John Miller's will

State of Tennessee Washington County In the name of God Amen I John Miller last being in my usual state of health & of sound mind & Memory but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make & publish this my last will & Testament in manner and form following to wit I commend my soul to that great God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Heavenly Father and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the direction of my exorsors hereinafter named and as to such worldly estate as I have with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner (to wit) First Secondly I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary a tract of land lying on the waters of Cherokee Creek in the County of Washington containing one hundred and twenty eight acres during her natural life and after her decease to be sold and divided here and there alike between my sons Thomas John Jonathan David and Samuel Denton to them or their survivors & their heirs for ever Thirdly I give and devise that my land lying in back County Caswell's Creek be divided among my sons Thomas John Jonathan David & Samuel Denton share & share alike to inure to them and their heirs for ever or my sons or heirs they dispose of said land when the youngest arrives at the age of twenty one year and divide the amount of said land between them share and share alike and the said land to be sold cattle my youngest son Samuel comes of age Fourthly and I give and devise to my beloved wife Martha all my household and kitchen furniture & furniture utensils & three head of cattle