

John Bacon's Will (of Lear)

Finance off of the same I now live on during her widowhood - Fourth in case my wife should marry I direct my property and real estate to go to the use of my son Joseph M Bacon also what other means I may have left.

Having some personal property undivided, one Bay mare worth one Hundred Dollars is to be divided equally between myself and Elijah Bacon is to have my interest in said Bay mare for fifty Dollars also one gray colt worth Twenty Dollars which is to go to my wife for so much Elijah is to have or for ten Dollars my sister Jane Mear is to have ten Dollars in money or by paying my Executor ten Dollars is to have a roan colt one Cream mare is to be sold by my Executor either private or public the proceeds to be divided between my Executor and Elijah - Elijah is to have one fourth of the wheat - one red heifer - one yearling heifer is to go to Elijah - I do hereby nominate and appoint John W Hunt my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hands and seal this 14th day of July 1858.

John Bacon Seal

Signed sealed & published in our presence we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of Testators this 14th day of July 1858 -

Witness
Jeremiah Allison
J. P. Hartman

The foregoing will was proven in open court by Jeremiah Allison and J. P. Hartman at March Term 1858, both being subscribing witnesses thereto and the same ordered to be recorded, and John W Hunt the Executor named therein appeared in open court gave bond a proper security was qualified as the law directs.

Jeremiah Allison Clerk

Mary E. J. Jordons Will

State of Tennessee
Washington County We the undersigned were present at the death of Mary E. J. Jordan and heard her make the following bequest (the day before death at the residence of Melinda Patton when she had been confined more than ten days) that it was her will and desire that her sister Melinda Jordan and Jane Jordan take charge of her child and Negro girl Emeline and if it should happen that the said Child should die or miss the said girl and girl Emeline to her sister above named
This 20th day of February 1858

Mary J. Jordan
Jacob A. Road

The foregoing will was proven in part at May Term 1858 by Mary J. Jordan one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at July Term 1858 by Jacob A. Road the other subscribing witness thereto according to law and the same ordered to be recorded.
Henry H. Co. Clerk

Silas Ratliff's Will.

In the name of God Amen.
I Silas Ratliff of the State of Tennessee, Washington County being in bad health but of sound mind and memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed to all men to die do hereby make this instrument of writing my last will and testament in the following manner.

First, I will that Robert Ratliff my son and Jane Ratliff my daughter have all my cattle hogs and sheep and all my working tools also all my household and kitchen furniture I will to my daughter Jane my cupboards and furniture. Also I will unto my children namely, Sabitha Ratliff the wife of James Prier, Nancy Ratliff, Fiske Ratliff wife of John Smith, Mary Ratliff wife of Charles Smith, Silas Ratliff, Ely Ratliff, Reuben Ratliff, Robt Ratliff, Jane Ratliff and James Ratliff, also the heirs of Alexander and Mary Goble to share equal in my lands at my death and the death of my wife. I also require that Silas Ratliff, Ely Ratliff, Robert Ratliff, Jane Ratliff and James Ratliff take good care and provide for all the necessaries of life that we may stand in want of as long as we both man and wife and by Robert Ratliff and Jane Ratliff

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with this will and doing their duty as requir'd shall have each one hundred dollars more than the other heirs Respectively; also I request that my lands be all sold together for cash or property or both, and the proceeds divided as above set forth;

Lastly, I nominate my Ely Ratliff my Son Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills legacies and bequests heretofore made and only acknowledging this to be my last will and Testament; In testem. my whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 4th day of August 1855

Signed Sealed in presence of

Thomas Fulkerson
Charles Cox

Eliza Ratliff

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Fulkerson & Charles Cox the subscribing witnesses thereto at Nov Term 1855, & order to be recorded. And Ely Ratliff the executor named therein appeared in open court gave bond and approved security and was qualified as the Law directs.

Henry Hops Clerk

John English's Will

I John English of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, 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 funeral expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessor of or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel H. English all of my farming tools, and one set of Horse Team having already deeded him all the lands that I allotted him.

Thirdly - my will and desire is that my two black boys Charles and Jim and all of my personal property (except what has been disposed of) shall be sold by my Executor on a twelve months credit, and the proceeds of the sale shall be equally divided between my daughter and Margaret Jane, the

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of John H. Hays and the heirs of my daughter Anna - Margaret, Nancy, Jane and Malinda McCoy is to have their Mothers part except the heirs of Margaret Patterson, which have already received eighty dollars and the eighty dollars is to come out of their Mothers part, and also what notes and other effects that may be in my hands is to be divided equally as above stated between my daughters and the heirs of my daughter Anna, Margaret, Nancy Jane and Malinda McCoy Anna Margaret Nancy Jane and Malinda McCoy and Margaret Hays is to have the same as my daughter.

Fourthly - As I have given and granted unto my two sons Nathan & English and John N. English a tract of lands each, I therefore declare that to be all I was intended them to have of my estate.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint William D. White my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 20th of March 1857,

Signed Sealed in our presence
and have subscribed our names
in the presence of the Testator
this 20th day of March 1857.
James D. Wells
James R. Wells

John English

The foregoing will was proven in open by James D. Wells and James Crabtree the subscribing witnesses thereto at December Term 1855, & order to be recorded. And Wm D. White the executor named therein appeared in open court gave bond and approved security and was qualified as the Law directs.

The above will does not show a full copy of the original will, the Clerk Mr Hops having left out several items of stirs, &c. See the original will on file in this Office.

J. H. Hays