

Elijah Pine's Will.

I, Elijah Pine, of Washington County and State of Tennessee, do make, ordain 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 my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that may be possessed of or that may hereafter come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife, Barbara Pine, all my real and personal estate of every kind, including what notes of hand and debt are now in my debt, it now held and enjoy the same during her natural life, or widowhood, and after her death, to my issue she shall manage again, the same to be divided to my children equally, taking into account what they have already received. Lastly, I nominate and appoint Barbara Pine, Executor, and Eliza Pine, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of Sept. 1848.

W. Pine
G. M. Miller
Dea. Henry

Elijah Pine Seal

The foregoing Will was duly proven in Open Court, September Term 1848, by the oaths of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; the 42nd and 43rd mentioned, qualified.

Thomas Fergusons Will.

I, Thomas Ferguson, now being in my perfect senses, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do now make and publish this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made— amen! First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all other just debts that may be against me out of any money that I may be possessed of, or the first that may come into the hands of my Executors. Second, I direct that my land be divided between my sons Henry Ferguson and R. C. Ferguson, to be divided that if Henry is indebted to Robert or Robert to Henry, the debt is to be taken from the Debtor to the amount of his just demand at the price of ten Dollars per acre. Third, I direct that my lands be divided as follows: to my Daughter Elizabeth Bell I leave Henry and Son, Son Henry I leave Sarah and Jane, and to my son Robert I. Ferguson, I leave my two boys Samuel and Henry Jackson, all to serve their old owners until they arrive at the age of twenty eight, except Mary Jackson whom I allow to be free at the age of twenty five years and all the rest at the age of twenty eight years, but I never allow any of my slaves to be sold out of the families of my children, and my old slave Ben to be left in the care of my son Robert, and never left to suffer for meat or provision or clothing. 4th, I direct that my daughter Elizabeth Bell to be paid one hundred dollars, and if she in her affliction is likely to suffer, I allow her to be

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decently and plentifully supported out of my estate. 5th, I direct that my granddaughter, Mary Emily Ferguson be paid the sum of two hundred dollars to be kept out at interest for her living and hank and that she have as good a bed as is in the house and a good Cook but if she say without leaving any living children the portion left to her is to return to my other heirs in law. 6th, I direct that my son Henry have my rifle gun and apparatus and sword mare. 7th, I direct that my son Robert I. Ferguson have my cloth, my coat case and my cap and my household and kitchen furniture my farming utensils and my graven and all of my stock except my stallion and my bay horse which I allow to be sold and the money to be put in with my cash and my note and accounts to pay of my allowance what I have made. 8th, I direct that my daughter and my two sons all that living of my children divide my books among themselves as they choose except my large Bible and Psalm Book which I leave to my son Robert. 9th, I direct that in dividing my farm between my two sons Henry and Robert, that each one remain on one part on which they are living, and divide it so as to leave it in as good form as possible. Lastly, I direct that my two sons Henry Ferguson and R. C. Ferguson be my Executors to carry this Will into effect. In Witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 19th of January 1848.

Michael Dasher
Jas. H. D. Cherry
Jesse Wilson

Thomas Ferguson Seal

After the Will of Thomas Ferguson, the following was orally mention before the Witnesses being forgotten before that he wished Robert Ferguson to have all the grain in the crib, Barn, and the crop in the ground, including everything laid in for the use of his family. In Witness whereof, Jas. H. D. Cherry, Jesse Wilson

The foregoing Will was duly proven in Open Court, February Term 1848, by the oaths of Jas. H. D. Cherry and Jesse Wilson two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and the Executors qualified.

David Stephensons Will.

The last Will and Testament of David Stephenson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, Being it a duty to dispose of what Providence has kindly blessed me with, and that it will promote the interests of those who survive me, to make a disposition of it by Will, I ordain and publish this as my last Will and testament. First, It is my Will and wish that my Executors, herein after named, shall pay and discharge all my just debts of every kind and describe.

David Stephenson's Will. (continued)

By the Will of my Father I was his sole Executor, and was authorized by the said Will to sell and dispose of real property, and execute deeds of conveyance in the same. It is my Will and desire that my Executors herein after named, or who any of them may act, or if they all should qualify and some should die, then the surviving that may act, be vested with full power and authority, so far as it is possibly by law for me to confer that authority upon them, to execute deeds of conveyance and make sale of real estate of my father which I was authorized to sell.

Whereas I am a partner in a mercantile establishment in the Town of Greensboro, which is at present carried on in the name and style of Stephenson, Opper and Mitty, in which establishment Mr. David Mitty is only slightly interested, and has entered into an agreement to retire from the concern at the date of this Will. It is my Will and desire that said mercantile establishment in the Town of Greensboro, Washington County, should be continued and carried on from that date in the name and style of Stephenson & Opper, until the first of September of the year 1849, hereby giving to my personal representatives herein after named and my said partner James B. Opper full power and authority, should said partner be carrying on, continue and drive said mercantile establishment, making it his duty for the purposes aforesaid binding and obligatory upon my estate.

Upon the 1st of Sept. 1849, the said business is to be closed, and my Executors are to make arrangements for full payment and liquidation of all debts due from the establishment at that date. Secondly, my Executors will then make arrangements for the payment of the capital which I and James B. Opper have in that concern, my interest thereon from the date of its advancement, as provided for by our original agreement, and which amount of capital advanced by each is shown in the books of the concern. Thirdly, the debts that may be due the concern, goods, and all other effects of every kind and description, my Executors will divide and dispose of with the surviving partner, in any manner they may think best for the interest of my estate. The debt and effects to be divided between my estate and my surviving partner, James B. Opper, in the proportion agreed upon by our original article of partnership. The proportion coming to my estate, either of debt or goods, my Executors will dispose of the goods either at public or private sale, in any manner that they may think best, and the debt they will collect, compromise or receive in the best manner they can to promote the interest of my estate. As James B. Opper will have the labor and responsibility of conducting said mercantile establishment up to the first of Sept. 1849, it is my Will that he be allowed, at the rate of two hundred and fifty Dollars per annum, for said labor and responsibility, from this date to the said first of Sept. 1849.

Whereas I am also a partner in a mercantile establishment in the Town of Greensboro in the County of Washington, in which James B. Opper and Matthew J. Chase are the other partners, which partnership, by the original article of agreement is to cease on or near the 1st of May 1849; should I die before that date it is my Will that my Executors immediately take an inventory of the stock, debts, and every thing connected with the establishment, as best they think best, and my estate the partnership balance until the said first day of May 1849, at which time the same will be closed, and my Executors are hereby authorized

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with full power and authority to divide the goods and debts of the concern between my estate and surviving partner, as in the establishment article of partnership; and also, after the division, to collect, compromise and receive the debts in the best manner they can for the interest of my estate.

To my nephew, William H. Strain, I give and bequeath a share of my father's

All of my estate, real and personal, as well that derived from my father's Will, as that I may have made since his death, I hereby give, devise and bequeath, equally to be divided between my four sisters and their heirs, to wit: Martha S. Strain, Josephine M. Adams, Mary J. Mitty, and Emily B. Mitchell, And whereas I have an interest, in some instances undivided, in various tracts of land in Washington County, and perhaps elsewhere, I hereby authorize and empower my Executors herein after named, to sell and dispose of my real estate in any manner they may think most best promote the interest of my estate, giving them the liberty of selling either at public or private sale as they may deem most prudent. My Executors are also authorized to execute deeds in all cases where I may have given bonds, or made contract to sell land. And having entered into an agreement with my Brother in Law Jonathan B. Mitchell, about my interest in my father's home place, my other Executors will execute a conveyance to him in accordance with said agreement.

I hereby nominate and appoint Jonathan B. Mitchell, Son-in-law of the said James B. Opper, and James B. Opper, Executors of my last Will and Testament, and my Will and desire is that they be not regarded to be bond and security for the performance of the trust and duty conferred upon them, having had confidence in their integrity and prudence in the management of my estate.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal: this 17th day of January 1849. This Will is written partly on two sheets of paper stitched together, and signed me, two, three, four and five.

Signed, sealed and attested with to the last Will and Testament of David Stephenson in my presence, she signed in the presence of the Testator at his request, in the presence of each other.

Attest
J. F. Wilby

The foregoing Will was duly proven open Court February Term, 1849, by the oath of J. F. Wilby and J. Mitty the subscribing Witnesses present, and adjourned to be read at the Executors mentioned therein qualified as to us.