

Samuel Mays Will.

at eighteen years of age. I will my son James G Mays a horse saddle and bridle valued at one hundred dollars to be paid him when he arrives at twenty years of age. I will my son William Mays a horse and bridle and bridle valued at one hundred dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at twenty years of age. I will my son Samuel F Mays a horse to be valued at one hundred dollars to be paid to him when he arrives at twenty years of age, all the above valuations to be made equal to twelve of the above valuations of horses saddle and bridles should be over or under the above named one hundred dollars, the above named legacies are to pay back or have it made up to them as the case may be. I will and bequeath to my loving wife Mary all the benefits and advantages of my two tracts of land, the one that I live on and the other I got from my father in law John Milburn to him full power and benefit of as she remains my widow to make the children on, in case she should marry again she is to have the one third of my estate real and personal during her natural life and then to fall back to my estate after the decease of my widow. The whole of my estate real and personal to be equally divided amongst all my children male and female. And I do hereby appoint and constitute my widow and my two eldest sons John and William Mays sole executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby make all other wills by me heretofore made and do constitute this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord 1842.

Witness present at signing

William M. Mays
Harrison Booth
Harrison Will

Samuel Mays Seal

The foregoing will was proven in open court and is recorded

Samuel Wrights Will.

I Samuel Wright of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following: First I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Wright all my real estate lands tenements and hereditaments to have and to hold and dispose of the same before or at her death as the said Sarah may think proper. I also bequeath with her the said Sarah Wright all my personal estate both of debt and every species of property whatever. It is my will that the said Sarah Wright make a title in fee simple to fifty acres of land to Philip Brown when he shall have complied with the conditions of said sale. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah Wright sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of March 1842.

Samuel Wright's last will and testament published and declared by the above named Samuel Wright to be his last will and testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said testator.

Thomas T. Young
John Howard
The foregoing will was proven in open court and is recorded.

John Stephenson's Will.

I John Stephenson of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being myself to be of perfectly sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1st It is my will and desire that my executor herein after named shall proceed with all possible expedition to close the partnership business of myself and deceased partner and also the business of said estate of which I am executor and out of the proceeds of said estate to pay the several debts of my partner which business

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been paid by me. I also desire that out of the proceeds of my own estate that all my own just debts shall be paid punctually.

2nd. It is my will and I do so direct that my home place on which I now reside including my mill, together with all the farming utensils and stock of every kind shall be and remain for the use of my family during the natural life of my wife, that is to say for the use of my two daughters, who are now living with me, and are single and my wife and son David, provided that it hereafter it should be the wish of the family, and they should esteem it their interest to sell the above described farm my executor is allowed to sell the same, with the stock and farming utensils, having especially obtained the consent of my wife Elizabeth, to said sale; and if the same is sold my said wife is to have one half the price of the land as her own individual property. The land included in this devise contains about three hundred and fifty acres, and includes an entry of eighty eight acres. I wish it here to be understood that my executor is fully authorized to sell any stock or other property on the farm which may be necessary to pay debts.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Thomas C. Adams, and his heirs and assigns, the tract or parcel of land on which he now resides in Washington County, to be bounded on the south part by a division line which I made between the farm on which the said Mr. Adams now resides and the other tract of land, now also owned by me, beginning at a black gum in a hollow a corner of the said other tract and running North by west to a corner of the tract purchased of Isaiah locally, being a section and a half. I also further give and bequeath to said Mr. Adams a new waggon now at his house.

4th. I give and bequeath to my son David Stephenson and his heirs all my interest in the Washington Iron Manufacturing Company, including any dividends that may be due at the time of my decease. Should I not receive a title to the interest I hold in the real estate of said company before my decease, the same is to be made to my son. This devise also includes my interest in the store belonging to said company, as well as the iron establishment.

5th. By the will of my deceased brother Matthew

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Stephenson I am entitled to the one half of the lifetime place at the death of his wife, and I have also recently contracted with the executor of my sister for the other half, but the deed is to be executed to my son David and his heirs and assigns for this consideration but yet paid, this purchase being in fact made for me, my wife and myself, in that the remainder of the price of said tract of land be paid out of my own estate, and that my executor hereinafter named, do keep as the same can be done, all said farm to the highest bidder either at public or private sale, as may be deemed most advantageous and derive the proceeds of said sale among my heirs as herein after directed.

6th. It is my will and desire that the remainder of my estate, real and personal, not herein specifically devised, be sold by my executor either at public or private sale, as shall be deemed most advantageous and the proceeds divided equally among all my children and wife Elizabeth. It is further more, my will, that in making a division of my estate among my children and wife, that they are all to be made equal or as near so as practicable, and that in making the division those to whom nothing specifically has been devised are to secure portions equal in value with them that have received specific bequests, and those of my children to whom I have made advances at their marriage or any other period, are to take these advances into consideration and including them are to receive an equal portion with my other children.

7. I hereby direct that my executor hereinafter named shall have full power and authority to make settlements of all the debts due and owing to me, and if necessary to compromise and compromise the same to delay nothing, thereby he can secure the same in the adjustment of the whole estate, he is invested with a sound discretion to act under all the circumstances, as he shall deem most advantageous and proper. I further expressly direct, that all the legacies and bequests herein contained are to be paid in current bank notes, and that in no case, are my children to demand specie of my executor, and should any of the heirs or devisees under this will desire their portion of the estate in the notes that may due me, my executor is hereby authorized to make the same.

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gratia and sad, in as equitable a manner as possible, and
and after the same may have been drawn for by test, or
otherwise divided between the aforesaid devisees, to have one
to each devisee the notes so allotted and set apart to him-
self, and the said devisee may proceed to collect the same
themselves; the notes being transferred to them by my said
executor without any recourse upon myself.

8th It is my will and desire, that my grand son William
Stephenson, receive from the proceeds of my estate a good liberal
education under the direction of my executor, and if upon
a fair experiment, when he shall have attained of sufficient
age, he should be deemed qualified from his habits of applica-
tion, moral and mental qualities, to receive a liberal edu-
cation, I further direct that the same shall be given to him
at Washington College, my executor is to be the judge of his
fitness to receive a liberal education, in case of his death
Professors of Washington College are to determine his fitness to
receive the education aforesaid. And I hereby direct that
sufficient fund be retained out of my estate to pay the board
for the purpose, say the sum of four hundred dollars, to be
reimburse sufficient to pay the board and tuition fee for five
years at the college. In this bequest I do not design that he
is to be clothed.

9th In making the division of my estate among my children
and wife, I desire that in estimating the portion bequest to
my son Oliver, the sum of twelve hundred dollars shall be
deducted from the value of my interest in the Washington
Iron Manufacturing Company, in consideration of his having
devoted several years to the management of my affairs, which
will have the effect to increase his portion of my estate twelve hun-
dred dollars above that of any other devise.

10th Whereas I have some years since purchased my slaves
if they would conduct themselves properly, and acquire suitable
characters, that I would send them to Liberia; but their habits
and general deportment have been such, that I do not at present
deem them suitable members of any well regulated society, or entitle
them to the fulfilment of my promise to them, I therefore now direct
that my executor shall here out all my slaves for the period of
one year, immediately after my decease, and if at the end of
that time all or any one of them, shall by their general character
good deportment, industrious and other habits, be esteemed
worthy members of the social compact, and the enjoyment
of the same, I then and in that case direct that he or she

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any of the description above named, be sent either to Liberia
or if they prefer it and it can be done, to Ohio or some other
of the free States; and in the event of the said slaves being
entitled to this privilege here granted or any one of them,
I direct that the proceeds of their one year's hiring be ap-
plied to defray the expenses of their transportation, either
to Liberia or to any other place that they may be sent.

11th I hereby constitute and appoint Maria Stephenson,
my son, the executor of this my last will and testament
and also direct that he shall not be required to give any
security for the performance of the duties hereby imposed
upon him. I also fully authorize my executor
to execute any deeds of conveyance for any lands that I have sold
and not executed deeds, and likewise he is hereby fully authorized to
execute all mortgages and conveyances for any lands or real estate of mine
which he is empowered to sell under this will in as full and ample
a manner as I can confer upon an executor by the laws of the land.
I hereby revoke all former wills and testaments, and in testimony where-
of I have hereunto set my hand this twenty ninth day of December
in the year of our Lord 1846.

John Stephenson God

Witness and published as the last will and
testament of John Stephenson in presence of
us who witnessed the same at his request
in his presence and in the presence of each
other.

That

Joseph Duncan Sr

Charles Brakins

The foregoing will was proven in court by
said witnesses and recorded.

Richard Harris's Will.

In the name of God Amen

I Richard Harris of Washington being
of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me
at any time made.
I do direct that my personal expenses and all my just
debts be paid out of the same.