

Thomas Hummonds Will.

I Thomas Hummonds senior of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being full in body but of sound mind and memory, knowing that death is the lot of all the human family, do therefore make this my last will and testament, (namely) First I commend my soul to God who gave it, hoping in mercy and my body to be buried in a decent christian manner, at the discretion of my executors, and that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid before there is any division of my property. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life my dwelling house and all other out houses except the barn, the orchard and garden west of the house with all my household and kitchen furniture of every description. It is my will that my son Thomas have the privilege of building a house in the orchard above the big Spring and to have the use of the land east of the Spring, but not to come below, and the ground that Joseph Brown cleared and one half of the field next to the McLeis place to be taken off the upper end to have the privilege of clearing and enclosing ground on the east of the fields, all of which privileges he is to have and enjoy during his mothers natural life with this express condition, that he the said Thomas demean himself in a peaceable orderly and affectionate manner towards his mother and brothers, and should he fail thus to act, such failure and refusal shall be deemed a forfeiture of the privileges granted to him. I also hereby bequeath to my sons John and Jacob all the remainder of my plantation with all the appurtenances thereto during the natural life of their mother, provided they give and furnish to their mother a comfortable support from the proceeds of the land during that time. I give and bequeath to my said wife my bay horse, two of my best cows, ten head of sheep. I also give to my son John my bay stud horse, and to my son Jacob my black mare, and to my son, George my small dark bay stud horse. And at the decease of my wife I give and bequeath to my sons John and Jacob the whole of my plantation with all its appurtenances containing one hundred and eighty four acres (more or less) to be equally divided between them share and share alike to be and remain to their heirs and assigns forever with this express condition, that they the said John and Jacob pay to my daughter, Lydia and Mary Bottles and my son George each the sum of one hundred dollars in good property and to my son Thomas one hundred dollars in good property, provided the said Thomas pays a note given by him to Matthew and John Stephenson in which I entreat as his security, and to my daughter Catharine Mann one dollar having already given her what I deem her proportion of my estate. But in the event my sons John and Jacob fail to pay the sums mentioned for the land (that is) \$100 within one year from the decease of the mother and \$100 within two years and so on

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at that rate until the whole is paid, commencing with the oldest and ending with the youngest, until the whole is paid, then it is my will that my land be sold by my executors and that the proceeds be divided in the following manner (to wit): John and Jacob to have one hundred dollars each and Catharine Mann one dollar and the residue of the sale of the land together with all that may remain of my estate, be equally divided among my four sons and my daughters Lydia Brown and Mary Bottles, share and share alike. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons John Hummonds and Jacob Hummonds executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth of January 1835.

Thomas Hummonds

Signed, read and pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and testament in our presence who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names in witness thereto.

Matthew Stephenson } The foregoing will was proven in open court by
John Brown } the oaths of Matthew Stephenson, John Brown and
Stephen Brown } Stephen Brown the subscribing witnesses thereto and
Recorded

William B. Strains Will.

I William B. Strain of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, being full in body but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind that death is the appointment of all the human family, do therefore make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (that is to say) First I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and christian manner. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Alice Strain the bay horse on which I have usually rode, to be put in her possession at my decease and to be and remain for her entire use, benefit and disposal. It is my will that my funeral expenses together with all my just debts be paid out of my estate before there is any division or distribution thereof. It is also my will that after the legacy to my wife, my just debts and funeral expenses are paid, all the residue of my property, both real and personal be for the use and benefit, and I do hereby give and bequeath to my father, John Strain, senior, the personal property to be for his use and benefit, and to be at his entire disposal the real property which consists in the tract of land containing the lands of John Campbell, William Smith and others, I give and bequeath to him with this express limitation and proviso, namely, that in the event there should exist and remain an heir of my body, he is to pay or cause to be paid within twelve years from the date of this will his hundred dollars to the said John Strain, senior.

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spite, or secure the same to be well and truly paid he is to have the entire control and disposal of said land but in case of the failure of my said father or his executor to pay or secure the payment of the said five hundred dollars as above expressed, then and in that event it is my will and I do hereby give and bequeath to my said heir all my said real estate as before described, after the decease of both my parents, to be for its use and benefit and entire disposal. And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother John A. Thrain the sole executor of this my last will and testament, requiring no security of him, revoking, disannulling and making void all other and former wills by me made, ratifying, confirming and declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said William B. Thrain have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Witness my hand and seal, signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the said William B. Thrain, to be his last will and testament in whose presence and at whose request we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto at the date above written.

William B. Thrain (Seal)

Matthew Stephenson
Solomon Hale, (of Seal)

William Hope
John Stephenson
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of William Hope and John Stephenson two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and recorded.

Rebecca Irwin's Will.

Washington County State of Tennessee, February 24, 1834. I Rebecca Irwin have this day and date afore written made my last will and testament and give unto Jane White, my daughter and wife of Thomas White, half the money that my son William Young left me by his will, and I give the other half to my grandchildren, the heirs of Thomas White and Jane White. I will and bequeath to my son Wm. Young one dollar if he ever returns. I the said Rebecca Irwin do appoint Joseph L. Burtis and James W. Young to see that the money is divided in the way before named. Given under my hand and seal the date above written.

Witness my hand and seal, signed, sealed in the presence of—

Benjamin Drake
Zy to

Mo. C. Haws

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of Benjamin Drake and Mo. C. Haws, the two subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded.

Rebecca Irwin (Seal)

John Gates's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I John Gates being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament—First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Gates a certain some more—also one cow and calf that my wife had at the time I married her—also two beds and their furniture—also one bureau and table also one loom and all the fixing, such as slays and guns—also five head of sheep—also I give to the said Elizabeth Gates my wife, the benefit of the said tract of land on which I now live on, with all the appurtenances thereto during her natural life, or while she remains my widow—if she should marry, then the said tract of land to be sold on twelve months credit and my wife to have one sixth part of the proceeds of the sale of said land, and if she should never marry at her death one sixth part to be her heirs forever and the other five shares to be equally divided between Richard and Gates, and Amos Carr and Jacob Gates and William Gates and Lane Wadley, in case any of the above named heirs should be dead to be divided among their heirs. As to the balance of my personal estate my will is for it to be sold on twelve months credit and to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters share and share alike—Also my will is that my negro woman Chaine and my negro man Anns shall be left with my executors hereafter named to be disposed of and emancipated if it can be done as my executors may see proper and the said negroes to have all the property belonging to them forever and if any expenses should accrue on said negroes to be paid out of my estate. Also my desire is, that all my debts and expenses be fully paid, and as for the debts that is due me by William Gates, one of my legates, to be a set off against his part, and if any surplus to be divided as heretofore named. I hereby appoint Long Brown and Jacob Ellis Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby making all former wills by me made void. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9th day of September 1834.

Witness my hand and seal, signed and sealed, in presence of—

W. Horton

John Bowman

James Hale

James White

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of John Bowman and James White two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded.

John Gates (Seal)