

William Tyler Will

In the Name of God Amen

I William Tyler of Washington County & State of Tennessee being weak & Sick, but of perfect Mind & Memory & Calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die I Commit My body to the dust to be buried in a Christian like Manner at the discretion of My executors and as touching the worldly property which with its hath pleased God to give Me I give bequeath and dispose of in the following Manner— Item 1st I give & bequeath to My beloved wife Mary Tyler the whole benefits & emoluments arising from the land— Whom I now live and also the Land I purchased from Hugh Wear for the support of her and my children as long as she may remain my widow and if she should marry she to have the one half of the benefits arising from the same lands during her natural life she is also to have the benefit of my whole stock of cattle sheep and hogs &c but should there remain hereon any the surplus quantity to be disposed of as an additional Article of my personal estate my husband & its furniture I also bequeath to my wife My household & Kitchen furniture to be disposed of in the following Manner (namely) My Bureau I leave to my daughter Milinda together with the Book case thereon also her bedstead and its furniture I give & bequeath to my son William Tyler one desk one feather bed & its furniture I write to my daughter Patsy Tyler one feather bed & its furniture one Bureau & one dining table I write & bequeath to my daughter Minerva Tyler one feather bed & its furniture one Bureau and dining table I write and bequeath to my daughter Patsy Tyler one Bureau & dining table one feather bed & its furniture and the remainder of the household and kitchen furniture if any, is to be the property of my wife I will that my son William Tyler have and enjoy the one half of ~~my~~ ^{my} real estate as soon as he arrives to the age of twenty one year and if my son William should survive my wife my son William is to have & enjoy the whole of my land after my wife's decease & if my son William should die without issue the land to be divided among the rest or survivors of my children I will & bequeath that all my personal property Notes Bonds & Bank Stocks (after my debts and taxes are paid) shall be equally divided amongst & between My wife Mary and my children each Milinda. The Child she had previous to her Marriage is to have half the portion of the personal estate with my late wife's children My daughter Patsy is to have with my widow and if she should survive her she is then to live with my son William & to have her support out of my estate during her natural life I will that in the boy of color that I have raised that he have the care of my widow & my heirs & executors to work for him until he arrives to the age of twenty one year & to have then the whole of the land he had & the proceeds out of my personal estate at his proper age & my Negro woman Mary for the support of the children, I do hereby nominate & appoint William Wilson Joseph branch executors & my wife Mary executrix of this my last will & Testament & do hereby revoke all other will or wills heretofore made by me, Making and Declaring that My last will & Testament In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty

William Tyler (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the Oath of James West & Patsy Phelps & Edward West for them of the Subscribing witnesses present at the same before the Hon. & Reverend William Wilson & Joseph branch qualified as executors to the foregoing will

(Estimated 1050 words)
D.H.

Elkhu Embra Will

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I Elkhu Embra Son Master of the Town of Longbrough Tennessee being in sound state of health of body & mind Calling to mind the uncertainty of life do Make and Declare this My last will & Testament & do dispose of the property which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this will in the following Manner— Item 1st I do will & bequeath to my faithful servant & slave black Man my freedom together with his children Francis a yellow boy a. years old Midge & Ephraim his two black daughters and Moseh his yellow daughter & John his son Manly black together with all the future progeny of the said Manly & Midge as the property of each & all of his children that they live to and & bequeath as free persons as I have now for some years past & that they all be legally emancipated as soon as they can which the State of Tennessee here has on them can be extinguished agreeable to an Article which may be seen among my papers signed by myself & Joseph branch & Christian branch sons & executors of the said Joseph branch Dec. And I do hereby authorize my executor to raise the Money out of my property & pay it over to the persons stipulated in said Article as soon as they become of proper age to receive for the same. As I do not believe said Manly & his family ~~need~~ ^{need} on any thing during the time they dwell on me more than a sufficiency to maintain them as the children were chiefly looked out on the contrary that they have been a considerable expense to me & therefore do not think myself in Justice any indebted to him or I should here make them an allowance & accordingly having given said Manly some what to start him to housekeeping & expence a considerable in settling his children yet more than I do bequeath the sum of forty dollars to each Child which she has & may have younger than Ephraim to be laid out in schooling them to the best advantage that Convenience offers the other three children having already had that much or more laid out on them in that way which tho a small sum if improved might qualify them for such avocations as they may reasonably expect to fall into it being men then was expended on my education and I further voice over and request my Brother Elph that he should send Manly to little or some part of our land & stay when he now is and send out four his lifetime a sufficiency for him to Catherine for herself & family which is many & afterwards the liberty of carrying a sufficiency of land for himself his lifetime & I further bequeath him half of what remain My estate may be worth when there ten thousand dollars to the promotion of the abolition of slavery in the United States to be laid out in such way as the Convention of the same Union Society of Tennessee may from time to time direct for the promotion of that glorious Cause that the residue of my estate be divided amongst My faithful heirs in manner & proportion as the laws of Tennessee now direct — I do hereby appoint and request my said Brother & partner in business Elph Embra My sole executor of this my last will & Testament and wish that the Courts require no duty of him for the performance of his duty in the execution of this my will as I have the utmost confidence both in his talents & integrity & do not wish him incumbered with heavy sums — and moreover as the most of my property is tied in company with my said Brother Elph & whereas the form at this time is owing some considerable debts the better to qualify him to dispose of any of the property of the firm of E & E Embra for the payment of any of the debts of said firm I do hereby authorize & empower him to sell as brought down on public as he may think best any of our movable property to effect the payment of the debts of said firm & further that if it should appear necessary for him to see any or all of our real property to effect the payment of the debts of said firm that he be hereby authorized to make such sales to the