

Joseph Bowman's Will - Continued.

daughter Sarah Bowman shall have five hundred dollars in cash and in addition to the five hundred dollars, to be made equal with the rest of my daughter in personal property, or the amount of the same, which is as follows: one horse beast worth twenty five dollars; three cows - three beds and spread, with their necessary clothing four sheep, one bureau one table.

Lastly, My will and desire is that my two youngest sons whom I have left to maintain and take care of my beloved wife to have my plantation at her death in the following manner: the land to be equally divided between them, I want to have his share off the north meadow and Joseph his part including the building, this land to be divided by two disinterested men or such as my two sons shall choose into two lots. I give the land running his natural life, then to his heirs, and unto Joseph such his heirs forever I give his portion of lands for which he can make a good and lawful title, but not until after the death of my wife. I also have a settlement to make with Henry Backus, me with Henry Shast, me with John Lear, which settlements by this will authorizing my executors to make. Hereunto are personal claims aside from anything here to be named in this will. - Lastly, My will and desire is that John H. Bowman and John Lear be my executors, in whom I have the utmost confidence. This also my will and desire that my executors see that my beloved brother Joseph Bowman is supplied with all things necessary to food and raiment - further my son Joseph is to have one horse worth twenty five dollars when he arrives to twenty one years of age, all the personal property that I am possessed of that is not bequeathed in this will, and that is now and above the necessary use toward carrying on the farm, shall be sold and the money applied to the payment of my debts, all money remaining in the hands of my executors at the death of my wife if there should be any that it be equally divided between Sarah and Sarah my son & daughter, this the 10th day of August 1850.

Signed in the presence of
Christian Wine,
Peter M. Reeves,
Abraham Bloss.

Joseph Bowman

The foregoing Will was duly proven in open Court, September Term 1850, by the oath of Christian Wine, and Abraham Bloss, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and admitted to record.

Edward West's Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I Edward West Senior of Washington County, ^{State of} Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament; Will that my body after death be buried in a decent manner by my executors my funeral expenses with all my just debts be paid out of my estate, I will and bequeath that my son John as West give me hundred dollars of my estate out of my estate, he to have this one hundred dollars more than my other heirs, then I will that all my children Thomas, Richard, and West, ^{sons} Edward Humphreys, Anna Clark, Mark, Elizabeth, Leary, and Joseph West, I will that all my estate personal and real be equally divided among these above named heirs with the exception of what my colored woman named Chery is to get out of my personal property, to wit: one horse to be valued equal to fifty dollars in cash to be for the use of her and her children, with one plow, hoe, and set of horse gear, one ax, one pot and pan, with all the beds and bed clothes that is in the kitchen amounting to three shew beds, with an entry of land that I made in the range about five acres, joining the land of Joseph West, James Sisco, and others, for timber land as I have heretofore manifested several slaves to wit: Sing, Lelia, Cintha, Jane, Rebecca, and Mumpfork, if any of my heirs or legatees shall endeavor to break that word of emancipation that them and their heirs shall forever be excluded from any benefit arising from the above named emancipated slaves - In case the said of emancipation should be broke, then property here shall be sold and the benefit arising from the sale shall be applied to their use and land purchased for their use and benefit in the State of Ohio. In addition to the above bequeathment made to my woman of color I bequeath that Chery shall have out of my estate a sufficient quantity of corn and meat given to her to support her and children for one year or so, she may have a chance of raising it herself. I bequeath that she shall have one cow, all the above bequeathment made to Chery shall be her own property in fee simple. - I will that Cintha live with my son Joseph West and Jane live with my son Edward West until they arrive at the age of twenty one years, and then to be free, the two youngest to live with their mother until they arrive at twenty one years and then they are to be free. I appoint and ordain my son Edward West and John Humphreys to be executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke all wills made by me made and constitute this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal this 22 day of April in the year of our Lord 1850.

Edmund West's Will

Interlined before signing. Witnesses present at signing,
Wm. Stearns, Robert McKee, A. C. Jackson.

Edmund West Esq.

Whereas, I did in my last will and testament direct that my boy Lewis should be sold by my Executor because I thought there was no way of emancipating a slave under the then existing law, and as there is a law now that a slave can be emancipated it is my will that said Lewis should be manumitted after serving me my natural life time by complying with the above now in existence, and that all the balance of the will shall continue as it is. Signed in presence of Witnesses this 10th Feb'y 1849 - Test Son John Leslie, Charles K. Boppes.

Edmund West son

Henry Hale's Will.

In the name of God, Amen! I Henry Hale of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and judgement, calling to mind the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and testament: viz:-

Item 1st. I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried & all my just debts to paid out of my estate.

Item 2. I do will that my beloved wife Harriet Hale shall have the control of all my personal and real estate remaining after the payment of my debts for the use of herself and support of the family, that is to say Martha Hale, Sarah Hale, & Harriet Hale my grand-daughters - Smith H. Hale, Joseph L. Hale, and Fairly Hale, my three younger sons who may assist their mother in the transaction of all the business of the estate, and managing the affairs of the farm. And I desire that my dear wife shall have power to dispose of any portion of estate personal or real if in her judgement it is the best to do so for the benefit of the six remaining children above named. To be at her disposal during her life time provided she remains my widow, but should she marry again then in that case it is my will that she receive a child's portion only of what remains, the balance to be equally divided between the above named children together my son William K. Hale who is to be equal with the other six, except that portion of my estate comprehended in cash & cash notes which it is my will shall be equally divided between my three sons Smith, Joseph and Fairly. My executors for this are that I have already provided for and given to my eldest son Franklin H. Hale, and my son Wm K. Hale a fair proportion according to my ability, but my three younger sons have worked for me and assisted me in making the money and notes and have not got a share. Any portion and I believe them justly entitled to it, but in all

other portions remaining) of my estate it is my wish that the above named seven children, including Harriet my grandchild shall share and share alike. At the decease of my wife provided she remains single then it is my wish that the residue in her hands of my estate be equally distributed among the seven last named legitts. It is likewise my will that William K. Hale (my son) shall have the privilege of living on that portion of my farm now occupied by him free of rent as long as he chooses to do so until my wife's demise which is then to be subject to distribution himself included with the above named children as other portions of my estate. It is understood however that should he see proper to leave or move off that he shall have no power to dispose of it in any manner whatsoever, nor shall he be entitled to pay for any improvements he may make unless by contract with the Executor of my estate.

Item 3. That whereas my above named granddaughter Harriet Hale had when left an orphan a residue of money of her father's estate amounting to two hundred and fifty dollars and whereas I have taken her and raised her and adopted her as my own child, and have had considerable expense attending the administration of said estate, if the Court will allow of it it is my intention that the said estate of my son in law Jackson Hale shall be charged for my services of administration, boarding, and raising, the above amount of two hundred and fifty dollars and interest so as to place her upon terms of equality with my own daughters in the division of my estate. Should the Court decree otherwise and allow her a portion of the money of her father's estate then it is my will that a corresponding reduction be made out of her portion of my estate already provided for under item 2.

Item 4. That as I have given to my daughter Mary Beard the portion that I felt able to give her therefore it is my will that until the younger children are equally as well provided for it shall be the duty of my executor to retain the remainder of my estate for that use. But should it appear prudent and safe to my wife in view of the above devise hereafter to give her more it is my will that she shall have the power to do so.

Item 5. That as I did give my son Franklin in his removal to the West an outfit and five hundred dollars in cash to purchase land I intended this as his portion in full. But should his mother find the estate sufficient to place her in a situation to give him something more without impairing the rights of my other children not yet portioned off as he has been it is my will that she shall be allowed to do so.

Item 6. I do hereby constitute and ordain Wm K. Hale Joseph L. Hale and my wife Harriet Hale Executors of this my last will and testament.