

John M. Bralson's Will.

Washington County }
State of Tennessee } I, John M. Bralson, being weak in body, but of sound mind, do make and publish this 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 just debts be paid ~~as soon~~ as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may be possessed of, or that may come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I direct that my Executors or Executors proceed at such time hereafter as may be agreed upon by my wife Mary S. Bralson and my Brothers, Alexander W. Bralson and Alfred Bralson, to convey to my Brother Alexander and Alfred, all my right, title and interest in and to the tract of land on which I now live, being jointly occupied and jointly possessed by us, containing seven hundred and seventy acres, adjoining the lands of William Hays, James Hays, John Riddle, William Lewis, and others. My Executor or Executors is also directed to transfer by bill of sale all my interest which is due to me in a man servant, and put a woman and her offspring to my Brother Alexander and Alfred. My one third, or equal interest with them in the above land and slaves, I direct to be conveyed to them as heretofore agreed upon by them and myself, or upon such terms as may hereafter be agreed upon by my wife Mary S. Bralson, and my Brothers Alexander and Alfred.

Thirdly, with a view to the education of my children, I am of opinion that my wife Mary S. Bralson, during the good and pious life of her, or that she may be enabled as I desire she may, to purchase a residence near to a village where there is a prospect of a good and constant school in which my children may all be educated.

Fourthly, I request that a fire place be placed in the small room in the West side of the house in which I now live, upon the floor and wall so as to make it comfortable for the winter; also, some repairs in the kitchen, I request that to be done by my Brother Alfred who will be paid out of the permanent property.

Fifthly, the amount to be paid by my Brothers & my Executors or Executors for my joint interest in the land mentioned in the second clause of this will is not to include in the estimate the enhanced value caused by the dwelling house and other new buildings erected by my Brother Alexander at his own expense but the value of the land, as has been or may be agreed upon is to be considered without said improvements. - Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary S. Bralson all of this world's goods I may be possessed of, of what kind soever, and appoint her my sole trustee in its disposal to my children without being required to give security. She being required to pay my just debts, as aforesaid, and in her hands under care of a kind Providence, I commit my three children, Alexander, Elizabeth, and Alfred, to my wife Mary S. Bralson, and am further to be satisfied. - Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary S. Bralson my sole executrix without being required to give security, in and to the above and in all other things which I have done or shall do in this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of July, 1847.

John M. Bralson

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence and testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals this 11th day of July, 1847.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court, August Term 1848, by the oath of Bro. Campbell & John P. Price, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and pronounced valid.

Christian Getty's Will.

I, Christian Getty, being of sound mind and memory, do make 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may be possessed of, or that may come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane Getty, a childless part of all I may be possessed of, after all just demands against my estate are satisfied, to be paid over to my wife Jane, or cash by my Executors ten years after this my will is proven. I also give to my wife Jane her bedstead and bedding. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Stearns Getty and my daughter Sarah Getty all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description, except the above named beds. I also give to my son Daniel and my daughter Sarah to each a child's part of all my estate to be paid by my Executors in cash to Daniel when he is twenty one years of age, and to Sarah when she is eighteen years of age. I also give to my son Daniel one hundred and fifty dollars now in possession of Christian Getty to be returned a note of hand of thirty five dollars which I hold on him, I request that Daniel have the same immediately.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Catharine, a childless part of all my estate I may be possessed of after my just debts are paid, to be paid to her by my Executors in cash when she is eighteen years of age. I also request my Executors to be with Catharine with an equal share of all my household and kitchen furniture when she is eighteen years of age to be furnished by Daniel and Sarah, so as to make both remain quiet with them. - Fifthly, I request my Executors within three months after this my last will is proven, either privately or publicly at their discretion to make sale of the tract of land on which I now live, payable at any time within two years, and pay over the remainder thereof due to my land Wagon, being six hundred dollars, to him.

Sixthly, I pray and direct that one pole of land in my land Wagon's hands, to one hundred and fifty four dollars and fifty cents, or thereabouts, be sold by John P. Price as a creditor and applied to the payment of my debts, together with very little note and account in my possession.

Seventhly, I request that my Executors appropriate out of my property a sufficient sum to support my wife for twelve months, and dispose of the remainder as they may deem best for the interest of my heirs. - Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends Myland Wagon and Daniel Burdette my Executors. I am further to be satisfied, I do hereby, set my hand and seal this 1st day of July, 1847.

and sealed and published in our presence and in the presence of one named here in the presence of the Testator.

Brother Campbell, I do hereby certify that the foregoing will was duly proven in open court, August Term 1847, by the oath of Bro. Campbell & John P. Price, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and pronounced valid.

John P. Price