

Rev William Gates Will

during the period of her natural life desiring
that she shall have the absolute and unequal
and possession management and control thereof
during her lifetime.

3rd After the demise of my wife I desire
my library to be equally divided among the
Trustees of the Baptist Church in Jonesborough
and the Trustees of Holston Baptist Female
Institute.

4th I further give and bequeath after the death
of my wife five hundred dollars to the Board of
Trustees of Od Female Institute to be applied by them
to the benefit of Od School in such manner as the
Trustees may deem most profitable and useful.

5th And if there should be any thing remaining
after the death of my wife and after satisfaction of
the bequests in the fourth clause of this will
I desire the same to be applied to the education of
such of my relatives as my Executor may appoint
and select hereby instructing him to give the prefer-
ences to those that may be unable to educate
them selves.

6th And in the event the Holston Baptist Female
Institute should prove to be a failure then the whole
amount bequeathed to the Trustees thereof to be
applied according to the provisions of the fifth clause.

7th I have included in the second clause of this
will which for my wife my Negro woman called
Phoebe but to be more specific with reference to her
I desire that after the death of my wife said negro
woman Phoebe to elect whether she will remain a
slave or be emancipated and if she elects to remain
a slave after of my wife I desire her to go to my
Executor to be disposed of as she may wish according
to the provisions of the fifth and sixth clauses of this will.

8th I desire that the property of the Board of Trustees
of said Institute to wit one Piano one Library one
chemical and philosophical Apparatus upon which
I now have a deed of Trust be released upon the
payment to my wife by the Board of Trustees the sum

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of Two Hundred dollars.

9th In the last place I appoint my esteemed friend
Wilson Bayless my Executor to carry out the provisions of
this will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my
name and affixed my seal 29th day of December
A D 1839.

Attest

William Gates sealed

W W Mullendore

The foregoing will was duly proven in open Court by the
oath of W W Mullendore and the hand writing of the sign-
ature to it was duly proven by the oath of S W T.
Peoples Esq. and the same ordered to be admitted
to record. And Wilson Bayless the Executor named
therein appeared in open Court gave bond and
approved security and was duly qualified as the
law directs,

Henry Bass - Esq.

Jonathan Bacon Will

I Jonathan Bacon do make and publish this as my
last will and Testament. Wherefore being weak in body
but strong in mind, as life is uncertain and death
is sure, hereby revoking and making void all other
will by me at any time made. First. I direct that
my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out of any money
that I may die possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my Executor. Secondly. I bequeath
unto my beloved wife her Support off of the lands
I now live on also my minor children to have their
Support and schooling. Thirdly I bequeath unto my son
John Bacon all the tract of land that lies west of the
lane that comes down through the farm. Also bequeath
unto my son Joseph Bacon all that tract of land that
lies on the East side of said roads as the lane now
runs. Commencing on John Murray's line, my suggestion
for my wife Deborah Bacon to have all the house

Mr. Jonathan Bacon's Will

Jonathan Bacon's Will Continued.

and kitchen furniture and one choice horse saddle and bridle and one cow and calf. my son John is to have all my cash notes and money that is on hand and the horses except one that my wife gets and the cattle and all the property wagon shop tools and other property to tedious to mention my will is for my son John to pay to my daughter as follows Elendine Brown to have two hundred dollars. Lucy Douglass one hundred and forty dollars Lydia Steffens Two hundred dollars all my girls that is not married to have two hundred dollars each and to have one Horse Saddle and bridle and to have one cow and calf and other things as I gave my daughters when they was married and went to House Keeping. I give the names of my daughters that is not married my Martha Bacon, Catharine Bacon Elizabeth Bacon, Sarah Bacon, Deborah Bacon these is my beloved children that my son John has to pay off as heretofore described when they become of lawful age or when they get married as the case may be. My daughter Nancy Galloway has got her part. my will is for my son John to let my son Joseph have the use of a plow team and the use of a wagon and the use of other farming tools out of what is allotted to my son John and when John gets the balance paid off if there should be anything left out my property and money after the bills is paid off the balance of the money and property to be equally divided between my two sons John & Joseph Bacon. My will is for my wife Deborah Bacon to have one hundred dollars in money after my death. also my son Joseph to have the Cornel Cott that he has picked out and bridle & Saddle. Lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my son John Bacon my Executor or witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal this December 25 1859

Signed & sealed in the presence of
Matthew Shifley

Jonathan Bacon

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Mathew Shifley and Joseph Lorick the subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - And John Bacon the Executor named therein appeared in open court gave bond and appeared security and was duly qualified as the law directs.

Henry H. Jr. Clerk

Edward W. Clark's Will.

I Edward W. Clark of the county of Washington and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing judgment do make constitute and ordain this as my last will and testament in manner & form following (my)

Section 1st It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my executors hereafter to be named.

Section 2nd

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Penelope Clark all of my estate both real and personal (after my just debts are paid) except what may hereafter be otherwise disposed of.

Section 3rd I Clark send that I am to get of John Jones to be sold and whatever my wife thinks that she can best spare of my estate to be sold to pay my debts. It is my will that if Russell and his wife Olega be good & obedient servants in all things to my wife and children for them to be kept in the family, but if they should become unruly or disobedient for them to be sold to the best advantage & the proceeds to go to raise and educate my children.

Section 4th It is my will of my widow Susan P. Clark should marry again that she be an equal heir with my three children Mary A. Clark, Susan M. Clark & George C. Clark of whatever of my estate may be on hands.

Section 5th It is my will if any of my debts should come unpaid after everything is sold that my wife can speak of C. L. Mathes or any other person furnish the money or settle said debts that my wife Susan P. Clark shall give a deed of trust on my land or negroes in the ordinary way to relieve said person or persons.