

David Beale will

The last will & testament of David Beale
I David Beale of Washington County Tennessee
being weak in body but of sound ^{mind} & calling to
mind the uncertainty of life & the certainty of
death it being appointed for all men once to
die do make & publish this my last will & testament
lawfully revoking & making void all other wills by
me at any other time made

Firstly I will and bequeath that after my death
my body be decently buried and my funeral
expenses and all my just debts be paid out
of any money I may have on hand at the
time of my death or that may come into the
hands of my executor or soon after my death
as possible

Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth all my moveable property viz my
household & kitchen furniture all my stock
farming utensils grain on hand & crop in the
ground and all the land I leave to her during
her lifetime or as long as she remains my
widow but in case she should move marry I will
that she passers all the above land and property
during her natural lifetime but I leave it obligatory
on my widow for the use of the above property
to give to my three sons namely Marshall Beale
Wm. Beale & Wm. M. Beale an outfit of a horse
saddle & bridle of a middle quality and my
three daughters Abigail Nancy & Martha
each with a good feather bed & bed steer & bed cloth
and she is to school & otherwise provide for all the
afore said children as long as they remain with
her in a family capacity

Thirdly I will and bequeath that after the death
or marriage of my wife that my land be
equally divided between my three sons Marshall
Wm. & Wm. M. Beale by them paying to my three
daughters Abigail Nancy & Martha each one
hundred dollars to be paid to the afore said
girls in one year after the sex ~~boys~~

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are entitled the possession of the sex land
Fourthly All the cash & cash bills and accounts that
I may have on hand at the time of my death
I wish to be applyed to the settlement of all my
just debts & liabilities and the remainder I direct
to be paid to my widow to assist her in schooling
and supporting the family

Fifthly I will & bequeath that my sons Thomas
David Samuel Caleb Jacob Isaac H. & Strawn
Beale & my daughters Hannah Rachel Elizabeth
Catharine & Jerusha be each allowed to keep what
I have hitherto given them and that is to stand
as their several portions of my estate both real &
personal

Sixthly I will and direct that my legatees & appoint
my wife Elizabeth & her brother Wm. Hutchins to
my Executors to carry this will into effect

In testimony whereof I do to this my last will
& testament set my hand and seal in my own hand
writing this 30th day of August 1854

Signed & sealed in presence of
in our presence this 30th day of
August 1854

R. S. Ferguson
Jeremiah K. Shufy

Witness to this will first month second 1864
I wish my Executors to release the boys from
paying them the girls hundred dollars each
manum in the will

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The foregoing will was proven in open court at the
Jan term 1871 by the oaths of R. S. Ferguson and
Jeremiah K. Shufy and sworn by Mrs. Nancy
Wilkinson wrote the same and seen him sign it.

J. F. Graham