

The last will of James Brown do present  
ed to Court and proven by the Oaths of John A. Wells  
and P. M. Logan Subscribers in behalf of said Will and  
orderd to be recorded, and Margaret Brown Executrix of said Will  
appeared in Court & qualified to give bond this  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863. Day of said month.

A. A. Conley Clerk

### Margaret Beard's Will

I Margaret Beard of Washington County Tennessee, do make  
ordain and publish this as my last will and testament:

First. My debts and funeral expenses are to be paid out of  
my real and personal estate. The principal debt I owe is to  
Daniel Barkley's heirs or Administrators for the residue of  
purchase money for the tract of land upon I now live, in order  
to pay that debt, I authorize my Executor to sell six acres  
of the tract of land upon which I now live, to be take off  
the back part of the land on the side adjoining Smith and  
Rylands heirs, and to be laid off as my Executor may direct,  
and to be sold by him at public or private sale, If six acres  
should not be sufficient, then he is to sell as much more as  
may be necessary to pay said debt, etc to my other debts and  
funeral expenses, they shall be paid by my Executor out of the  
property herein after bequeathed to him.

Second. I will and devise to my grand daughter Evalina  
Morely one acre of the tract of land where I live, to be laid off  
to her, in the most convenient form so as to include the Barn  
and not to interfere with the dwelling house, or garden, or orchard,  
or outbuildings.

Third. The residue of the farm on which I now live, I will  
and devise to my grandson Cornelius Eugene Beard, including  
all the buildings, but the barn, and also to include the garden  
and orchard, If six acres of my land will not pay the Barkley  
debt, then I wish my Executor to sell so much of the land de-  
vised to Cornelius Eugene Beard as may be necessary in addition  
to the six acres, so as to secure, if possible to Evalina Morely  
the one acre devised to her. If the said Cornelius Eugene Beard,  
or any person for him, will pay the Barkley debt without a sale  
of the land, then the said Cornelius E. Beard is to have all

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the land I live on except the one acre devised to Evalina  
Morely, my Executor is authorized to make deeds to the purcha-  
ser and to the said Evalina Morely and C. E. Beard, showing  
the boundaries of the land as the same may be sold or allotted.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to the said Cornelius E. Beard the  
Bed, Bedstead and Bedding belonging to the Bed on which I gen-  
erally sleep; also, all the new chairs: one black leather calf, and  
one sow and pigs.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to Laura Leonard one falling  
leaf Table.

Sixth. I give to my grand daughter Adaline Anderson the  
bed, bedstead and bedding on which she usually sleeps, and my Clock.

Seventh. I will and bequeath to my son Robert Emerson Beard  
all the rest and residue of my Property, real and personal, not  
herein specially mentioned and any debts that may be owing to  
me, or trust for the payment of my debts and funeral expenses,  
(except the Barkley debt which is herein before provided for)  
and after they are paid then to be his absolutely.

Eighth. I hereby nominate and appoint Robert E. Beard as  
Executor of this my will and it is my desire that he shall not  
be required to give any security as such.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1863, in presence of the subscribing Witnesses,  
who have attested this Will in my presence and at my request.

Witnesses  
Tho. A. Nelson  
S. B. Morley

Margaret Beard Seal  
mark

Being one of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and Tes-  
tament of Margaret Beard deceased in which One acre of ground is  
devised to my wife Evalina Morely, I do hereby release and relin-  
quish to Laura Leonard, & Adaline Anderson all the right and  
claim which is vested in me by said will, and do agree, in my own  
right, to set up no claim upon said will. Witness my hand  
and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> January 1863.

S. B. Morley Seal

Witnesses

Elis. A. Nelson Date of Testified  
Alex. W. Nelson, Washington County

This foregoing was presented in  
Open Court for probate and proved by the oaths of Thos. A. Nelson  
& S. B. Morley, who deposing to the said Will had signed to be re-

corded and Robert E. Beard the Executor mentioned in my Will appeared for open Court for being released from giving his bond he was qualified as the law directed and pronounced the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1863 it being the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in said month.

1<sup>st</sup> & the only Clarke

### Eliza Box's Will

I Eliza Box of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind & disposing judgement. Calling to mind the certainty of death and uncertainty of life do make & ordain this as my last will & Testament in manner & form following:

Section 1<sup>st</sup> After my just debts & funeral expenses are paid I give & bequeath my entire estate both real & personal to my son Ephraim D. Box (whatever I may possess or be entitled to at my death) & it is my will that my Brother Barton Bagless be his Guardian.

Lastly: I hereby constitute & appoint my Brother Barton Bagless & Eliza Bagless Executors of this my last will & Testament. Witness my hand & seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August A.D. 1862

Attest  
E. L. Mathis  
A. C. Broyles

Eliza Box S. S.

### Thomas Barron's Will

In the name of God Almighty I hereby make my last will and testament as life is uncertain and death is sure and yet being in sound mind I hereby want my Estate disposed of as follows; In the first place after my death I want my body neatly put away after the manners and customs of the Country,

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Secondly, my funeral expenses be paid out of my Estate. Thirdly, all my just debts be paid if there should be any. Fourthly, I want all of my heirs to have an equal share of my Estate after the expenses is paid. Fifthly, I want my Property what is on hands sold at public sale to the highest bidder on time as the Court may deem proper, and the money equally divided among my heirs. I hereby give the names of them commencing at the oldest; and all that is dead their children to have their parents proportion. Their names is as follows: Viz; Lear Epperson and Anna Epperson Daniel Barron Jacob Barron Sarah Bacon Deborah Bacon John Barron Thomas Barron Lydia Ann Bacon and Phoebe Box, these is my heirs. I want them to have my Estate for the affection I have for them. I do hereby nominate and appoint Nathan Shipley my Executor to my last will and Testament to sell my property and wind up my Estate, and do further appoint the said Nathan Shipley my Lawful Attorney to tend to my business through life as I am old and infirm and cannot set to it myself and to be valued in law as though I did it myself. I hereunto subscribe my name this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1859

Test:

Thomas Epperson  
John W. Bowser  
mark

Nathan Shipley

Thomas Barron Seal

The foregoing will was presented in open Court and proven by the证人 of Thomas Epperson and of the Sub Scrivener witness to said Will and proven by said Epperson and Nathan Shipley that the other Subscribers witness is a non resident of the State of Tennessee said Will was ordered to be recorded and Nathan Shipley the Exec in said Will appeared in the Court June 1<sup>st</sup> and qualified with the law he was pronounced fit July 1<sup>st</sup> 1863 being 2<sup>d</sup> day of said Month

J. H. Moore Esq