

John Stroud's Will.

State of Tennessee Washington County.

I John Stroud 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 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved mother all my real and personal estate for her support during her natural life. Thirdly I direct that my sister Mary be allowed Fifty Dollars after my mothers death out of my estate for services rendered, in waiting on me during my sickness. Fourthly I direct that of my estate after my mothers death be equally disposed of between three of my sisters viz: Mary Higgins, Nancy Carter, Sarah Moor. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Ellis Higgins my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 11th day of April 1863

John ^{his} Stroud Seal
mark

Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Executor this 11th day of April 1863

William Lawing aff'd & qual.
Ellis Higgins aff'd & qualified

The foregoing Will was duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of William Lawing and Ellis Higgins the subscribing witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded and Ellis Higgins the Executor mentioned there in appeared in said Court and swore with solemn and qualified as the law directs and ordered to be recorded from at July Term 1863,
Wm. H. Conly, Clerk

James Brown's Will

I James Brown of the town of Jonesborough County of Washington and State of Tennessee; being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament:

I that is to say: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Brown all my personal property including every thing.

II I give and devise to my said wife Margaret Brown all my real estate in the town of Jonesborough: said property to be and to belong to said Margaret Brown and her children, subject, however to be disposed of by said Margaret Brown at her death as she may deem proper.

III It is my will and I require my Executrix (hereinafter to be named), to make sale to the best advantage, within a reasonable time: of my house and lot (on which said house stands) which I have for sometime used for a saddler's shop: and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of any debts justly owing by me at the time of my death, it is also my desire, that the partition in the room occupied as a shop, be removed back to its former position, before a sale shall be made. And it is my desire that in the event there is anything yet due Wm. R. Devier as balance of purchase money on said house and lot of ground, that my Executrix shall first pay said balance (if any there be) to said Wm. R. Devier before making sale.

IV It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize my said Executrix (hereinafter to be named) to see that my children when they shall have arrived at the proper ages, are put to or apprenticed out, in order that they may learn and acquire some good trade or profession.

V It is my will, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret Brown my sole Executrix, to this my last will and Testament and it is my wish and desire, that the County Court of Washington County will not require bond of my Executrix for the faithful performance of her trust - as I place the most implicit confidence in her judgement and integrity. All interlineations were made before this will was signed. In witness whereof, I have this day signed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of - January 26th 1863

James Brown Seal

Attest John A. Wilds
Jos. M. Logan

The last will of James Brown did present
 ed to Court and proven by the oath of John H. Wells
 and J. M. Logan Subscribing witnesses to said will and
 ordered to be recorded, and Margaret Brown wrote in said will
 appeared in Court and qualified just requires to give bond this
 March Term 1863. D. Day of said month.

J. H. Morley 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 expences 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 which 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 taken off
 the back part of the land on the side adjoining Smith and
 Appleland's 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, as to my other debts and
 funeral expences, 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 heifer 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 Emmerson 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 expences
 (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, ~~xxx~~ I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this 21st January 1862, in presence of the subscribing Witnesses,
 who have attested this Will in my presence and at my request.

Witnesses

Thos. A. R. Nelson
 S. B. Morley

Margaret X Beard Seal
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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 19th January 1863.

Witnesses

Thos. A. R. Nelson
 Alex. W. Nelson

State of Tennessee
 Washington County

This foregoing will was presented in
 open Court for probate and proven by the oaths of Thos. A. R. Nelson
 & S. B. Morley subscribing witnesses to said will and ordered to be recorded