

Phoebe Nelsons Will.

my death and also all the property, rights or interests, legal or equitable which I may be in any manner entitled to under the last will and the last will and Testament of David Nelson died, with the following exceptions. I will, give and bequeath the houses, and lot in Elizabethton Sumner where David Nelson lived at the time of his death, to my daughter Lydia Eliza Nelson, to her sole separate and exclusive use to be disposed of by said last will and Testament, or otherwise as the said Lydia Eliza Nelson may deem proper. I also will, give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Eliza Nelson the household and kitchen furniture of which I may be owner, at the time of my death - In Witnessing this will I do not wish to be understood as manifesting any partiality between my children. I do not think it probable that my Son Shos A. N. Nelson will believe any thing under this will, as I believe he has paid out more than has come into his hands as executor and that on a final settlement of all the business of David Nelsons estate, I will not be entitled to any thing more than I have devised to my daughter Lydia Eliza, but should it be otherwise then I will that Shos A. N. Nelson is to have every thing belonging to me and not having devised to my daughter Lydia Eliza because he has supported me since my husbands death and because I do not wish any disagreements to arise between my children as to my estate - my reason for the devise to my daughter Lydia Eliza, is that the negro bequeathed to her by David Nelsons Will, died; and I wish to place her as near as I can on an equality with my other children most of whom either received property from my husband in his lifetime or claim it under his will. Owing no debts I appoint no executor. In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 10th day of January 1854 in the presence of the persons who have hereto Subscribed their names in my presence and at my request as,

Witnesses
John Blair
Daniel Kenny
Saml B. Cunningham

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Having since the date of the foregoing will, agreed to sell the house and lot devised to my daughter Lydia Eliza; I wish it to be distinctly understood that this Contract of Sale is not to operate as a revocation of the devise to her; but as a Codicil to my will; I direct that my said daughter (who is now the wife of Alfred H. Mathis) shall have the proceeds of the sale of said house & lot made by me to Silburn Berry, should said Berry pay for the same, and if he does not she is still to have the house and lot as directed in said will all the property, real or personal devised by my said will to my said daughter Lydia Eliza Mathis is to be to her sole, separate and exclusive use for and apart from the control and dominion of her present or any future husband, is also the property devised by this Codicil In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, on this 8th day June 1855, in presence of the persons who have hereto Subscribed their names in my presence and at my request as;

Witnesses
Danl Kenny,
Thomas E. Dolser,
W. P. Brewer.

Phoebe Nelson Seal

State of Tennessee The foregoing will was duly proven in Washington County to the Court at the September term of said Court by the oath of John Blair and Daniel Kenny and Samuel B. Cunningham the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and also personally appeared Daniel Kenny, Shos E. Dolser, and William P. Brewer the subscribing witnesses to the within Codicil to said will and this same was proven by their oath and ordered to be recorded

J. A. Conley Clerk

Hervey Buchanan's Will

I Hervey Buchanan of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (to wit) It is my Will that my funeral expences and all just debts be first paid out of

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whatever my wife and executor may think can best be spared from the property or products of the farm. I give unto my wife Mary A. Buchanan one third of my farm during her natural life together with all my stock and farming utensils improvements household and kitchen furniture (excepting such property as I may hereinafter dispose of for the benefit of my children) but she is to have the entire control of the whole farm for the next five years for the use and education of my children and the support of my mother. And at the expiration of the five years there will be a division of my farm. My wife shall have one third of the farm including the house stables and barn and all the other improvements, and the remaining part of my farm shall be divided equally between my five children, Sarah J. Martha A. Frances D. Laura L. and John B. H. Buchanan. And at that time my daughters Sarah and Martha can dispose of their portions of the place if they see proper so to do. The remaining portions of the other children to remain under the direction of my wife until the rest of my children become of age unless either one of my sons Frances D. or John B. H. Buchanan wish to get an education and in that event if it should be necessary their portion or portions can be disposed of when they shall have arrived at the age of sixteen and the proceeds of the sales to be put out at interest and only to be called in when needed to defray their necessary expenses whilst receiving an education. I give unto my daughter Sarah my young brown gray horse and saddle and bridle also one heaveran and one bedstead with a fair proportion of other property belonging to the house of such as my wife may deem proper to spare, her mother is to have the use of said horse for all farming purposes as long as she may remain with her she is also to have a cow and a fair proportion of sheep in case she should marry or leave her mother. My other two daughters Martha and Laura are to have a horse saddle and bridle apiece when they become of age or they are to have them in case they should marry previous to that time, and also they are to have a heaveran and bedstead apiece and also a fair proportion of such other property as will make them on an equality with my daughter Sarah. And Laura can also dispose of her portion of land when she becomes of age if she sees proper to do so. My wife is also to have the use of their horses for all farming purposes as long as they remain with her. I wish my two sons Frances and John when they become of age to have a horse

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saddle and bridle apiece and such other property as they may need to make them equal with my daughters. It is my will that if no other arrangements be made after all my children become of age that which ever one takes care of my wife and incurs all expenses during her natural life shall be reasonably compensated, and if any thing should remain it shall be equally divided between my children. I further direct that Thomas C. McAdams and Josiah Conley with a competent surveyor act as commissioners to divide my land as before mentioned (if in accordance with the feelings of all parties concerned) In the event that either one or both of these commissioners should die that my wife and executor should select a competent man or men for that purpose agreeable to all parties. I also fully authorize and empower my executor to sell the lands of my sons if thought necessary as before mentioned and to execute all necessary deeds and conveyances for the same in as full and ample a manner as I can confer upon an executor by the laws of the land.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my friend W. S. Strain executor of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby vest him with power and authority for the same and it is my wish that he be not required by the Court to give security. I do hereby declare this to be my last will and Testament signed with my name and sealed with my seal this 12th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Hervey Buchanan *Test*

Signed, sealed and delivered to be the last will and testament of the said Hervey Buchanan in presence of us who have set our names as witnesses at his request.

Test
Thos. C. McAdams

Matthew J. McAdams

The foregoing Will was proven in open Court at January Term 1861 by Thos. C. McAdams and Matthew J. McAdams Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and upon again the Ex-officio Justice then appeared in open Court again David and J. H. Conley and duly qualified as the Law Clerk.

J. H. Conley *Clk*