

Richard Chinoweth's will

I Richard Chinoweth of Washington County and State of Tennessee being weak of body and knowing the uncertainty of human life and desiring to arrange my worldly business while I am possessed of a disposing mind and memory do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me at any time in the past and declaring this to be my only last will and testament First It is my desire that my executor after my death out of the first money coming into his hands belonging my estate shall pay all my just debts

Secondly I give and bequeath unto Emeline Chinoweth wife of my son William Chinoweth to her and her heirs for aye forever my house and lot in the town of Johnson City situated on Kings St adjoining the property occupied by Dr & S Miller the same being in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee with every thing connected therewith

Thirdly - It is my will and desire that my executor shall sell my farm in Buffalo ridge civil district the same being situated adjoining the lands of George Gray Chamberlain Heale and others of the aforesaid County & State in the manner that he may think will produce the greatest amount of money and the proceeds of said farm shall be applied as follows first I give to my grand son Daniel Ten dollars second I give to my two grand children Addie and Robert Dyer Amanda Hughes Elizabeth Dyer and the heirs of Martha Chase equal shares of the remainder of my estate after paying the several amounts heretofore named those herein after named together with my debts and It is my will that my executor pay to John Chinoweth his heirs five dollars It is my will that my executor release a debt due me from the estate of James M Chinoweth my son and this is all that I the heirs of my son James M Chinoweth is to receive of my estate In brief I give to Emeline Chinoweth my house & lot in Johnson City and all the crop growing on my farm to Daniel Ten dollars to the heirs of John Chinoweth five dollars to the heirs of James Chinoweth I release all that is due

me from their fathers estate after paying my debt I will that all the remainder of my property of every kind be divided into six by my executor divided into four equal parts when collected or converted in to cash and one part paid to Adda and Robert Dyer one to Amanda Hughes one to Elizabeth Dyer and the other fourth to the heirs of Martha & Chase together on her body and if none then to my other children equally that is my son in law Nelson Chase is in no event to have any part of my estate

In testimony hereunto I set my hand and seal on this 24 day of April 1878 in the presence of the subscribing witnesses

Witness
W. Hodges
James Seaver

Richard Chinoweth

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate at the July term 1878 and proven by the oaths of W. Hodges and James Seaver the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and W. Hodges was appointed as Administrator with the will annexed

J. D. Criskam Clerk

Rebecca Cartwright's will

State of Tennessee May the 6th 1878
Washington County I know all persons whom I may concern that I the Rebecca Cartwright do this day make this my last will and testament First I will all my just debt and funeral expenses to be paid & then will and quit to each one of George Hamilton girls all my remaining personal effects including one kind executed to me for three hundred dollars given on the 24th day of November 1877 by the heirs of William Cartwright my husband deceased I will to my brother George Hamilton to hold and use in his lifetime then to be divided between his heirs in equal degree I appoint William H. King my executor Rebecca Cartwright
Witness Thomas Brown G. W. Miller

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate at the August Term 1879, and proven by the oaths of Thomas Brown & O. W. McPherson the two subscribing witnesses thereunto, and ordered to be recorded & William H. King was allowed to the next term to give bond
J. N. Grisham Clerk

Samuel E Edwards Will

In the name of God amen. I Samuel E Edwards of the State of Tennessee Washington County having been permitted to live my three score & ten years and longer and being in feeble health but of sound disposing mind and knowing of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to set my house in order for my departure, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form to wit:

1st and principally I will soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried. 2nd I will that my funeral expenses be paid out of my personal effects and that all my just and honest debts be paid from the same source.

3rd I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Edwards as a dower during her life or while she remains my widow, to have, hold and occupy and control for her use and for the use of the family and especially for the raising and education of my youngest son Samuel-Judson Edwards, the farm upon which I now live and have lived for the last twenty five years with all its appurtenances and buildings, said farm contains one hundred acres more or less and is bounded north and West by Carr East by S P Saw south by D A Martin

Furthermore, I will that all the stock I now own, all the farming utensils, shop tools, and two unfinished wagons I have, be for the use of my widow and the family that may remain with her while she

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lives or is my widow.

4th I will or bequeath to my daughters Mary Elizabeth Edwards and Mary Louisa Edwards and son Joshua Palk Edwards, the west end of the old Joshua Edwards farm in Sullivan County Tennessee and thirty eight acres more or less bounded as follows on South by Bullock Jones & Rader West by Longacre Rutledge North by Rutledge East by that part of the old Edwards farm run off to Owen Edwards and lately comes to Joseph Longacre including the old Edwards brick house and log barn and also buildings now occupied by Brick-Rodgers, said children to pay me the sum of One hundred dollars each and to have and to hold said land jointly and equally to be valued or divided as they may agree upon.

5th I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Morrill and son Abel Washington Edwards to have and to hold jointly and equally the north East end of the Joshua Edwards farm in Sullivan County Tennessee containing One hundred and five acres more or less being the twenty acres formerly run off to Joseph Longacre and Eighty five to Owen Edwards including the building now occupied by Sam Smealings bounded on the north by Harbroad East by Feathers South by Jones West by that part of the Edwards farm laid off to Samuel E & Albert Edwards. The western line beginning at the Bullock line running up the Spring branch to Spring thence in a straight line across the orchard to the Harbroad line. Said children to pay me the sum of four hundred dollars (200 dollars each) in equal annual installments of fifty dollars (twenty five each) beginning January 1st (1879) Eighteen hundred and seventy nine.

6th In consideration of educational advantages superior to the other children before of age my son David H Edwards requests that he be allowed nothing in the Estate disposed of by this will. I therefore will in accordance with his wish.

7th I will and bequeath to my son Samuel Jackson Edwards this home tract or parcel of land