

George Crouch's Will, Continued

following exceptions, in favor of four of my grand children "to wit" George Crouch I will to have an equal share as one of my daughters George C Bonman and Martha J Deal. James H. C Bonman I will these three have a sum equal with one of my daughters not to be construed in way to mean otherwise than one heir. I further devise that if the said Martha J. Deal should ever come to be brought against me or my Executor any suit for the recovery of money my Executor is charged not to pay over to her any of the amount heretofore set apart for her benefit but divide it with the other mentioned heirs.

Sixth I have heretofore given to my son William H Crouch all that I intend for him to share of my estate which is in excess greatly of any one of my children.

Seventh, I set apart one half acre of land for a family burying ground, including the the present site. Situated at back of my orchard. which is to remain inviolate free of access at any all times for my family connections.

Eighth Deposing confidence in the integrity of Perry Hunter I appoint him my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony I set my hand and seal March the 22nd 1866.

George Crouch
mark

Attest
Jas C McAnkles
J H Range

The foregoing will was presented to the County Court at its May term 1866. by Jas C McAnkles & J H Range the two subscribing witnesses thereto, and proven by the oath of the same that they were present when said George Crouch signed and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein expressed.

Esther Hannah's Will

I Esther Hannah do make and publish this as my last will in manner following viz

First I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my sister Lucinda & Hannah all my estate of whatever kind. and it is my will and wish that my Executor carry out and perfect a contract for land made with John H Payne to which I am a party, and when the proceeds of said sale are collected, my part of which to be paid over by my Executor to said Lucinda.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint G W Selford my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 7th of August 1864.

Esther Hannah
mark

Attest
William Reed
J. Biddle

The foregoing will was presented to Court in probate and proven by the oath of William Reed and J Biddle the two subscribing witnesses thereto, at the May Term 1866.

Witness my hand this 9th day of June 1866.

Isaac H. Graham
Clerk

John Drains Will

State of Tennessee
Washington County

In the name of God amen.

I John Drain being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made, written or verbal.

Item 1st that my body be decently buried in the family square Jonesborough and that the expenses be paid out of any effects that I may have, and after paying all my just debts, the balance of my property and money if any there be to be disposed of as follows.

Item 2nd That all my personal property be immediately sold by Executors and that my real estate be sold by my Executors either for prompt payment in cash or on such terms as they in his sound judgment may think best for my heirs.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath that my children Milton Drain

John Drain's will continued

Elija Drain, Mary Drain and John Drain share ~~and~~ share alike, in all my in all my property, and in order that my heirs may not waite and misaply their respective portions it is my desire that they each choose a Guardian, who is authorized to draw upon my Executor for means for their support except that that are of lawful age who can act as their own guardian.

Item 4th It is my desire that a Guardian be appointed for my son John Drain who will take charge of his moral Education and Training and see that his means are properly applied to said purposes.

Item 5th It is my request that immediately after my death that my Executor take charge of all my effects, and proceed at once to settle up all my business with as little delay as possible. And in case my children wish to return to Decatur to live he may in the absence of the appointment of Guardians advance the necessary means to pay their expenses and their or any of their Receipts for money so applied shall be a good voucher for him in his settlement with the Clerk of said estate.

Item 6th It is my desire that in case of resignation of my Executor that a full, fair and complete exhibit of his accounts shall be made to the Clerk of the County Court of Washington County so far as relates to the property in said County.

Item 7. My Executor is requested to take charge of what ever property I may have in the State of Alabama both real and personal and dispose of it to the best advantage for my heirs.

Item 8th And as my daughter Mary has sold ~~and~~ disposed of some of my property without my knowledge or consent at Decatur Alabama, it is my will that whatever said ^{property} ~~was~~ ^{is} worth shall be deducted out of her share of my estate and divided amongst the other three heirs.

Item 9th It is my desire that McCallins be and act as my Executor, and I therefore appoint him as such. Witness my hand this the 12th day of May 1866.

Signed and acknowledged

in presence of

Edward Armstrong

Daniel Henry

the day, and above written.

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oath of Edward Armstrong & Daniel Henry the two subscribing witnesses thereto at the May Term of the Court 1866.

John Drain
mark

John D. Buchanan Clerk

Joseph Archer's Will

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Archer
I Joseph Archer being in my perfect senses &c. knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do now make and publish this 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may die possessed of, or that first come into the hands of my Executor or Executors.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Archer all the property belonging to the House that she brought to it with her when we married, and all articles of her own manufacture since our marriage and a good cow and her support off the farm, and if she makes choice to stay in the house with my son Elijah Archer then in that case he shall furnish her a comfortable and decent support, and treat her well and take care of her, but if she desires to leave the house and remains a widow then Elijah Archer is to furnish annually or quarterly ^{or quarterly} support her wherever she is living, whatever any two good and disinterested men may say that she has need of for her own support, but she is not to be turned out of the house against her free will as long as she lives a widow.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my son Elijah Archer my home farm and improvements to go into full possession at the time of my death, by his well and truly supporting his step mother and providing for her comfort and pleasure on the terms given in the second Section of this my will.

Fourthly. As I have given my sons Silas, William, Joseph and Jonathan and my daughter Nancy their full shares in land money and property, I therefore allow them nothing more.

Fifthly. I direct that all my property not disposed of already in this will be sold at public sale by my Executors to the highest and best bidder and the proceeds of the sale to be applied to the payment of my debts and expenses of said Executorship and the balance if any there be.

I allow to be equally divided among my three daughters Susannah Meritt, Louisa Smith & Elizabeth Archer and two sons Juriah D. Archer & Thomas Archer. My daughter Elizabeth to get the bed that belongs to her if she have not got