

James Hodge's Will.

I James Hodge of Washington County Tennessee being of a sound and disposing mind but being weak in body strength and feeling that in all probability my time upon earth may be short and wishing to dispose of my worldly affairs that I may be ready when the summons shall come to make this my last will and testament, thereby revoking all others that may have been made by me. In the first place this is my wish that all my just debts be paid off as soon as possible by my Executor or Executors. And further my wish and will is that my wife Mary takes charge of the farm with all that may be upon it (and with the assistance of the children to carry on the work) to raise and educate the children their education to be attended to particularly the money that is now owing to me after paying my debts to be appropriated to their education; and when my youngest son William becomes of age or twenty one year of age the lands to be valued by two disinterested competent men at a fair and not a forced sale, taking into consideration my wife's support during her life or during her widowhood as my widow, that is I wish my wife Mary to have the house or houses to live in and a support from the farm as long as she remains my widow and that after the valuation of the lands to, that if any of the boys wish to sell their interest that they sell to the others at the price fixed upon by those who valued the same, and that the boys pay to my daughter Elizabeth her portion of the valuation in money or property as they may agree upon and thereby she made equal with her Brothers and that her portion be settled upon her and her heirs.

And further my wife Mary to have all the household property such as Beds Bed Steds and Bedding and all that belongs to the House to dispose of to her children as she may please. And I do hereby appoint Jefe Allison and William R Rhoads my Executors to this my last will and desire that may be permitted by the Court to attend to the business without being

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required to give bond and security, I having confidence in them that they will do what is right,

In testimony of which I hereunto sign my name with my seal affixed this 27th day of October 1858

Witnesses
Henry H Hodes
William R Rhoads

James Hodge (Seal)

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Henry H Hodes and William R Rhoads subscribing witnesses thereto at January Term 1859. & the same ordered to be recorded, and Jefe Allison of the County named in the will appeared in open Court gave bond and approved security And was duly qualified.

Henry H. Hodes

Joseph Howard's Will.

In the name of God Amen — I Joseph Howard in the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will & testament. That is to say: First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal I give bequeath and dispose off as follows, to wit: to my beloved wife Rachel Howard the lands and appurtenances thereto together with all the farming tools and living stock of every kind during her widowhood. And to make the mine heirs equal to those that are of age, as they come of age except George who has got his horse and is yet to have his bride and saddle made up to him.

Likewise I make constitute and appoint my sons Enoch Howard and David Howard to be executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the Twenty seventh day of January One thousand Eight hundred and fifty nine

Joseph Howard (Seal)

The above instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph Howard and acknowledged to be his last will & testament in our presence
J. M. Mimsby
J. F. Trevitt
J. R. H. H. H.