

Enoch Job's Will

In the name God Amen, I Enoch Job make this my last will and Testament hereby ~~involving~~ and making void all or any other will by me made at any time, 1st It is my will, that my beloved daughters Patience and Sarah have the possession of my lands and all that pertains thereto including the buildings &c and have the proceeds of the place while they may remain single or stay on the said place. But should they marry or be disposed to move to where lands is cheap then the lands to be sold and equally divided between all my children also it is my will that my two daughters Patience and Sarah have the usufruct and all that is in it or belongs to it. 2nd It is my will that the Red Snow lie on and bedding quilt and bequeath to my son James and the one in the other corner of the house I will and bequeath to my son Moses. the Reading up stairs belongs to the two girls Patience and Sarah.

It is my will also that the present crop of corn wheat oats and flax if I should die go to the use and support of Patience and Sarah. My old man I give and bequeath to my Grand son William Maria Job and the colt to Patience.

It is my will that my two only sons James and Moses live on the place and manage the same and give the rent as above directed.

The Kitchen furniture the Girls Patience and Sarah Bot and pauls for the most of, consequently it is theirs the stock of Hogs and cattle to remain for the use of Patience and Sarah that is four cows and all the Hogs the Ballance of my cattle to be sold except two heifers I have given them, the Poultry geese and ducks to remain to the use of Patience & Sarah. It is my will that my just debts be paid out of my property that is to be sold and hereby appoint my two sons Moses & James my Executors & Administrators to settle my matters as soon after my death as practicable & to equally divide any money or any thing else that may come in between all my children equally. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 3rd day of August 1850.

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The last will and Testament of Enoch Job presented to Court for Probate on the same being duly proven by the oath of Longman one of the subscribing witnesses thereunto and to be recorded. Henry Hoff. Clerk

William Houston's Will

State of Tennessee I William Houston do make Washington County and publish this my last will and Testament: First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as soon 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 wife Jane Houston all the lands in the old tract on the North Side of Brush Creek adjoining the lands of Madison M Barnes and John Bashor. And the three negro Benjamin, Mandy (An) Hancy and stock and household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils &c Blacksmith tools to be her for the term of her natural life and at the death of wife to go to the children.

Thirdly - I bequeath to my son Stephen Houston & Emaline his wife for the term of their natural lives the old tract of land and the one on the North Side of Brush Creek adjoining the lands of M. M Barnes and others and all the knob land but thirty acres which I intend for Liza Buck and the youngest Negro girl to go to Stephen Houston and Emaline his wife and the increase of the negroes to give the daughter of Stephen Houston and the lands to the sons of Stephen Houston. Fourthly I bequeath to my daughter Eliza Buck a tract of land on the South Side of Brush Creek - Beginning at a dogwood and running west to a white oak opposite to Liza Shop and straight line to John M Barnes line to a white oak with Barnes line to Sarah Houston line thence with James Range line to a black oak then with Bashor line to the creek to a rock then up the creek on the west side to a rock then

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Rising across the creek to the Beginning and thirty acres of the Knob lands adjoining the lands of John L. Murray and others and a negro girl named Mandy which she is to have for the term of her natural life and then to go to her children at her death. Fifth - I bequeath to my daughter Selia Ford a tract of land that I give to her that they sold to John M. Barnes and M. M. Barnes and a negro boy named Benjamin to Andy Ford and wife as long as they live and then to go to the daughter or daughters of the said Selia Ford. Sixth - I bequeath that after the death of my wife that they shall divide the property between them equally between the three children. I do hereby nominate and appoint, Stephen Houston and Andy Ford my Executors in witness whereof I do to this my will at my hand and seal this 27th day of April 1859.

Witness
Andria D. Daylor
Vincent Boring

William Houston

The foregoing will was proven in open court at August Term 1859. by Andria D. Daylor and Vincent Boring the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And Stephen Houston one of the Executors named therein appeared in open court gave bond and approved Security and was duly qualified as Exr.
Henry Hoff, Clk.

John C. Shields will.

Whereas life is uncertain and death sure and no man knows the day that he may in the providence of God be called from time to eternity now in order to facilitate the winding up of my little estate should I be called hence. I have concluded to give the following directions for the use of my Executors, Court that after the settlement of my

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just debts my wife Nancy have the management and use of all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood under the following restrictions to wit: for the purpose of clothing supporting and educating the children - that she carefully preserve the principal using the interest only of any money that may be on hand except so much as may be necessary to purchase a small tract of woodland should an opportunity offer for the purpose of keeping the farm in repair & fuel &c. I hereby empower my wife aforesaid to make title to my lots situated in the town of Sandridge - Jefferson County Iowa as it is my intention that my children shall all share equally my estate I direct that my wife advance them as she can & pay just the same as if I was living keeping an exact account of the same to each that she see all such property as will be useful to her such as my shop tools &c. and be an the money as aforesaid. In a word it is my desire that all things be done as near as possible just as if I was doing it myself that is taking care of the property & disposing of for the mutual welfare of the family my children shall finally inherit it equally at the death or marriage of my wife my farm on which I now live not to be sold however until my youngest child comes of age when they all can manage it themselves as they think best if my wife wish to dissent from this will she may can publish it and have it legally nullified at any time within six months after my decease.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of June 1852,
John C. Shields

The body and signature of the foregoing will was duly proven in open court by the oath of Lemuel Shields and David Ellis and the same ordered to be recorded. And the Court orders that letters of Administration be issued on the said estate with the will annexed to Mrs. Shields & David Ellis who appeared in open court gave bond and approved Security & was duly qualified.
Henry Hoff, Clk.