

# 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 Jeph 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Jeph 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 same 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. Mims  
J. F. Trevitt  
H. R. Rhoads

## Joseph Howards Will cont.

The foregoing will was duly proven in open court at  
 July 1859 by the oaths of J. M. Munsey and J. A. Smith  
 two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and orders  
 to be recorded. And Enoch and David Howards the  
 Executors named therein appeared in open Court  
 gave bond and approved security and was duly  
 qualified. Henry Hop. Clerk

## William C. Asher. Will.

State of Tennessee  
 Washington County. Last will and Testament of Wm  
 C. Asher. In the name of God, Amen, I William  
 C. Asher do make this my last will and testament,  
 being now weak in body, but sound in mind, will  
 and bequeath all my real and personal property  
 as follows after my death I want my funeral expen-  
 ses paid, and all my debts paid when due and then  
 the remainder of my real and personal estate to belong  
 to my wife "Agnes Asher" to have and to hold the same  
 during her natural life for her support and benefit  
 and after her death and funeral expenses and debts  
 paid if any then all the real and personal estate  
 to belong to two children that I raised, to wit, Eliza  
 Jane Lewis now married to Calvin Lewis the Son of  
 Hamilton Dunton, to have and to hold the same forever.  
 I do hereby appoint my wife Agnes Asher my  
 Executrix to settle up my estate - Given under my  
 hand and seal - January 26 1859 -

Attest  
 Alphus Dove  
 J. M. Carr

Wm C. Asher  
 N.B. I not being able to sign my name  
 Verminck Lemon signed it for me and I made my marks to the  
 same - Jan 26 1859. William C. Asher

Alphus Dove  
 J. M. Carr

The foregoing will was duly proven  
 open court at July Term 1859 by the oaths of Alphus Dove and  
 J. M. Carr the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Agnes Asher  
 the Executrix named therein appeared in open court gave bond  
 and approved security and was duly qualified. Henry Hop. Clerk

## Nicholas Prings Will

State of Tennessee In the name of God, Amen.  
 Washington County. I Nicholas Pring, now in my Eighty fifth  
 year of age and being of sound mind but feeble in health  
 and expecting shortly to appear before that being the giver of all  
 goods - make and ordain this my last will and Testament  
 Item 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath that after my spirit shall  
 have left its tenement of clay that my body be decently  
 interred in its mother dust and after paying all my personal  
 expenses that my daughter Susannah Satts have all the ready  
 money and notes that I may have on hand at that time,  
 Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath that my eldest Granddaughter  
 Sarah Satts have my bed and large Chest,  
 Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my dear beloved  
 daughter Elizabeth Brown my nine months old heifer,  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my daughter Susan  
 Satts my milk cow.  
 Item 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath the above items to dear  
 daughter Susan Satts wife of John Satts on condition  
 that she take reasonable care of me during my life and  
 last illness - Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath  
 that my daughter Susannah Satts have all the balance of  
 my personal effects, and as I am now a United States  
 Pensioner inscribed on the Pension Roll of the Iowa Agency  
 at the rate of Eight dollars per month per annum -  
 I will and bequeath that after my death that my  
 daughter Susannah Satts have all and only an annu-  
 age of pension that I may be entitled to let the time  
 of my death - In testimony whereof I have this  
 day set my hand and seal and affixed my seal September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 1858 in presence of  
 H. C. Collins  
 J. P. Clayd  
 Nicholas Pring  
 Mark

The foregoing will was proven in  
 open court at July Term 1859 by the oaths of H. C. Collins  
 and J. P. Clayd the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and Susannah Satts duly qualified as Administratrix  
 of said will

Henry Hop. Clerk