

John Jenkins Will "In the name of God Amen"

I John Jenkins of Washington County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do make ordain and publish this my last will and Testament that is to say. After all my lawful debts are paid the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows To wit

I bequeath to my beloved wife Prudence Jenkins after my decease, all my estate both real and personal, and nothing shall be so construed as to prevent her from having full possession of the same, and the use of it during her natural life or widowhood.

2nd I will and bequeath to my son Alfred Jenkins after the decease of my self and beloved wife that he have all of my real estate, consisting of the farm whereon I now reside, to have and to hold the same in his own name, and nothing shall be herein construed to prevent him from full and perfect possession of the same, with the appurtenances thereto belonging. Also I will and bequeath to my said son Alfred Jenkins all my blacksmith tools, consisting of a Bellows and Anvil Vice and other articles belonging to the same.

3rd I will and bequeath to my three daughters Nancy Howard Elizabeth Northington and Mary Ann Price all of my personal property that is movable except said Blacksmith tools, to have and to divide the same equally between them. If they cannot agree on an equal divide of the property then ^{in that event} my son Alfred Jenkins shall sell all of said personal property (except the tools above attended to), at public sale to the best and highest bidder, and the proceeds of said sale he shall divide equally between my three daughters above named, it is my preference for them to divide the property.

4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane Campbell One Dollar to be paid to her by my Executor Alfred Jenkins, and it is my desire that nothing shall be herein construed, that she shall draw any more of my estate either real or personal, having given her all that I desired her to have.

5th I will that and constitute and appoint my son Alfred Jenkins as my Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made. In Testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1867.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged John Jenkins (Seal)

In presence of
J. M. Grisham
John F. Grisham

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the September Term 1869 by the oaths of Wm. M. Grisham and John F. Grisham the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and the same being contested by Ira Keaward & others said facts was certified and with said certificate the original will the papers were sent up to the Circuit Court of Washington County for a further contest. The Minutes of Court Sept. term 1869 page 28th for further information.

J. F. Grisham Clerk

Isaac Rizer Will

I Isaac Rizer being weak and feeble in body but having a sound mind and being impressed with the opinion that I will soon quit the walks of life I have concluded to commit my last will and Testament to writing.

I first will and bequeath to my wife Mary Jane Rizer all my debts personal property & lands with all appurtenances thereto to have and use during her life unless she shall marry & in case of her marriage, all property belonging to me shall no longer be under her control. Second My will is that my daughter Maud shall remain as long as she may remain single on the home farm & have her support off of the farm, if my daughter Maud shall marry she shall not have any claim on any of my property during the life or unmarried state of my wife. Thirdly My wife Mary Jane will pay my funeral expenses & all lawful debts. Fourthly after the death or marriage of my wife, My will is that all property & lands shall be equally divided amongst all my heirs this the 12th day of June 1869.

Isaac Rizer (Seal)

Witness

Lewis Cooper
Adam Cooper

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Lewis Cooper & Adam Cooper the two subscribing witnesses thereto at the September term 1869 and ordered to be recorded.

J. F. Grisham Clerk