

## Wm R Rhea Will Continued

same and to make purchase or purchases of real estate and and paying for the same out of the moneys of my estate & take deeds for the same in her own name yet in all transactions of this sort & in the settlement of all accounts I desire that she act with the advice & consent of her son Wm & John Anderson my Executors aforesaid my old wife Mary acting as guardian for her children will not be required to give bond or render accounts to the clerk

In testimony of the foregoing I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1861  
 signed sealed & delivered  
 in presence of  
 J. F. Steph  
 Jas. D. Rhea

State of Tennessee  
 Washington County  
 The last will and testament of Wm R Rhea dec<sup>d</sup> presented to Court for probate and the same being duly proven by the Oaths of J. F. Steph & J. D. Rhea the Subscribing witnesses ordered to be read

this 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1862

and the Executor named in said will appeared

in open Court (no bond required) was qualified & the law directed

this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1862

J. A. Conley Clerk

W. H. Long, Eldr

## Jacob Kleppers Will

I Jacob Klepper of Washington County State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind and judgement, calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following viz:

Sec. 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that after my death all my just debts and funeral expense be paid by my Executors out of any money that may be on hand or of the first money that may come into their hands.  
 Sec. 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catharine

## Jacob Kleppers Will Continued

South west room in my mansion house the bed, stand, and bedding and the Secretary that is in it, also her choice of tables in the house, the cupboard and its ware with a sufficient quantity of kitchen furniture - she is to have her support and maintainance out of the proceeds of the farm on which I now live; and that said maintainance shall be a lien on said farm, during her natural life or widowhood, but in case of her marriage, she thereby forfeits her maintainance and use of room, but retains the above named personal property,

Sec. 3<sup>d</sup> I give to my son Henry the farm named in the above section estimated to contain two hundred acres (more or less) he to have full control and management thereof from the time of my death, subject to the incumbrance set forth in the second section, that is, he is to furnish his mother a comfortable and ample support in accordance with the above condition and the entire farm shall stand bound for same, I also give him choice of my two farm waggons and my wheel pair.

Sec. 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Hagg, the farm on which she now lives adjoining the land of Wm Mathis, Jacob Bowman & others estimated to contain one hundred and forty six acres (more or less) and in case she dies without issue or childless, then in that case, said land to revert to my estate and be sold by my Executors and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my following named sons and daughters, Joseph Klepper, John B. Klepper, Henry Klepper, Sarah Carr, Susannah Range, and Catharine Range, I also give to said daughter Eliza a note I hold on A. J. Hagg for one hundred and thirty five dollars, with its interest, bearing date July 18<sup>th</sup> 1860.

Sec. 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that shortly after my death my Executors sell on such time as they may think best for the interest of the estate, all the remainder of my personal property, the proceeds of which, together with the money when collected, that may be due me, be equally divided between the following named sons & daughters Joseph Klepper, John B. Klepper, Henry Klepper, Sarah Carr, Susannah Range and Catharine Range. And whereas I have heretofore portioned off fully, my other children, not named in this will, I therefore give them no interest in the provisions thereof.

Sec. 6<sup>th</sup> and last I hereby appoint my son John B. Klepper and my son-in-law John W. Range the Executors of this my last will.

### Jacob Klepper's Will Continued

and Testament and hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

Witness my hand and seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1862

(Subscribed before signed)

Jacob Klepper Seal

Attest, Wm. J. Strain, J. W. Belford

The foregoing will

Was duly proven in open Court at April Term 1862

by Wm. J. Strain & J. W. Belford subscribing witnesses thereon

and ordered to be recorded and John B. Klepper &

John A. Hauge the Executors named therein appeared

in open Court gave bond & approved Henry and

Wardlaw qualified as Executors

C. A. Combs Clerk

### John Ferguson's Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Ferguson of Washington County East Tennessee being in perfect mind & memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die do make this my last will & testament principally & first of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it & my body to be buried in Christian order by my executors & so touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me I bequeath in the following manner

I will & bequeath my lands to my four sons (viz) Henry A. Ferguson, Robert M. Ferguson, George W. Ferguson & Alexander F. Ferguson by the three oldest paying a fifteen dollar saddle to Elizabeth Gibson & one to Amanda Henry A. Ferguson is to have his part of the land adjoining what he purchased from James Reea also Henry A. is to make a deed for the land I purchased from Smith Hunt containing twenty one acres to my three youngest daughters to it Elizabeth Gibson & her heirs Susannah & Amanda also my three eldest sons is to pay my three oldest daughters five dollars worth of property within two years after my decease

also I bequeath my waggon & farming utensils to my three youngest sons & the furniture & finishing in the house and kitchen to my three youngest daughters also my Bible

### John Ferguson's Will Continued

to Amanda & Joseph's writings to Alexander & the other Books to be equally divided amongst my children

I do hereby appoint & constitute & ordain my sons Henry & George W. Ferguson my Executors & do hereby revoke disannul & disallow all other wills or wills made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

it is my wish that no security be required of my executors in the presence of

also in addition to the above I bequeath to my Grandson George W. Gibson one small lot known to my executors & also all my stock & grain & other property that is not named in my other bequests I bequeath to my single children that is living on the place to be used by them at their discretion

26<sup>th</sup> January in the year of our Lord 1862

Attest Joseph Baneau Francis Gibson Philip Walky John Ferguson

The last will and testament of John Ferguson as presented to being come at the May Term 1862 and proven by the Oath of Francis Baneau Philip Walky & John Ferguson

Turner Smith of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee

calling to mind the uncertainty of life make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following (viz) First it is my will that my funeral expenses & all my just debts be paid by my executors (hereafter to be named) out of any moneys that may first come into their hands of my estate

see 2<sup>d</sup>) I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary my plantation on which I now live to be under her control (so that she does not unnecessarily destroy or cause to be destroyed the timber thereon) for her support & maintenance during her natural life or widowhood in case she marries it is my will that she have one horse, one cow & one Bed & Bedding

it is my will that my grand daughter Martha Ellen Humphrey have one Bed & Bedding & one milk cow to be given her when she marries or when she leaves my family

see 3<sup>d</sup>) I give & bequeath to my grandson Russell Smith a small piece of land on the South west side of the road leading from Jonesborough to Cherahoe near the railroad & now enclosed in his mothers field supposed to be about one fourth of an acre

see 4<sup>th</sup>) it is my will as soon as practicable after the death