

John Simpkins Estate Will

I John Simpkin do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my sons, Elbert and James A. Simpkin the farm on which I now live also the thirty acres tract known as the Walsey tract to be equally then in the following conditions viz Elbert & James A. Simpkin to pay each the following sums Elbert to pay my son Samuel Simpkin fifty dollars, James A. Simpkin to pay him fifty dollars making the sum of one hundred dollars, which sum is to make his lifetime interest in my estate also to pay Martha McCreesh one hundred dollars Eliza C. one hundred dollars Emeline Lovelace two hundred and twenty five dollars Malinda Wynn one hundred and fifty dollars Amanda Day two hundred and twenty five dollars and Elizabeth Simpkin three hundred dollars the above sums to be their entire interest in my estate the above sums make in the aggregate the sum of twelve hundred dollars of which amount Elbert is to pay six hundred dollars and James A. Simpkin is to pay six hundred dollars.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Elbert Simpkin my executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this 8th day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

John Simpkin

signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 8th day of May 1869.

The words in faith line from the bottom
 interline before the signing.

Ebenezer Booth
 E. Armstrong

The foregoing will was presented to the court for probate at July Term 1869 and proved by the oaths of Ebenezer Booth and E. Armstrong the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Elbert Simpkin the Executor therein named appeared in open court and entered into bond and

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seeing and was qualified as the law directs.

J. F. Henshaw Clerk

S. J. N. Luckys will

S. J. N. Lucky of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee do ordain & publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills. First I desire all my just debt to be paid. Second I do hereby give & devise to my beloved wife Mary Lucky all of my estate of every kind and description real and personal and wherever situated to have and to hold to her sole and separate use forever and to be disposed of as she may think proper and right & to whom she may think worthy.

I commend to her care and attention my three single daughters believing that she will treat them with the utmost kindness and affection this devise to my wife is not made from any want of affection to my children but as the estate is not large and having the utmost confidence in her prudence and good sense and her willingness to act kindly toward my unmarried daughters I esteem an act of duty to give my whole property to her she is well acquainted with my wishes and feelings as to my unmarried daughters I know she will deal justly and kindly with them. I know of no difference in my feeling to any of my children my son is competent to take care of himself & my married daughters have husbands to take care of provide for them my wife fully understands my wishes and feelings as to my black girl Polly & I have no doubt will dispose of her as I desire expressed by my self & signed with my own proper signature this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1866. I hereby appoint my wife executrix of this will & she is to give no security for the performance of the trust.

S. J. N. Lucky

S. J. W. Luckys will continued

The foregoing will was presented to the court for probate at August Term 1869 and the hand writing & signature of the testator proven by the oath of Henry Hays, J. B. Graham & S. T. Logan three credible witnesses that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of Seth J. W. Lucky and believe that his hand writing is generally known among his acquaintances and that they furthermore believe that the whole of said paper writing including the signature thereto is in the hand writing of the said S. J. W. Lucky dead & that they believe the same is his last will & testament to the court or did the same to be recorded.

For further information see minutes of the County Court August Term 1869 page 376
J. B. Graham Clerk

John Millers will

In the name of God Amen
I John Miller of 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 and Testament that is to say:
First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit: To my beloved wife Catharine Miller to have her life time support off of the farm the farm to be equally divided between the (4) four heirs to my daughter Elizabeth one Bay mare the loom and the cupboard. To my son Solomon the wagon with the understanding that my wife Catharine Miller is to have the use of it to us her halling.
To my daughter Mary and Nancy the remainder of my personal property with the exception of my Coopering tool which I give to my son Solomon.
Likewise I make constitute and appoint Zachariah

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Walker to be executor of this my last will and Testament hereby appointing all former wills by me made invalid which I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

Witness my hand and seal
John Miller
John Hays
Jacob Stout

John H. Miller Esq.
Clerk

The foregoing will was presented to the court for probate at August Term 1869 and proven by the oath of John Hays and Jacob Stout the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Zachariah Walker the executor therein named appeared in open court entered into bond and security and was qualified as the law directs.

John B. Graham Clerk