

John McCrackens Will

In the name of God amen. I John McCracken of Washington County State of Tennessee being admonished from my advanced age and declining health that it is appointed that man shall die now whilst of sound mind. I do make and ordain this my last will and testament for the disposition of such worldly goods as it has pleased God to give me.

In the first place I give and direct to my Executor herein after appointed, that he shall have me buried in a decent Christian manner and pay the expenses out of my estate.

Secondly - pay and discharge all my just debts, out of my estate before distribution be made.

Thirdly - my beloved wife Ann who is now laboring under a severe affliction, still may live and require support during her life, I therefore will and direct that my said Executor shall imply provide for her comfort during her life herein and hereby giving and granting to her the house garden spring and all that is valued in the sale of the farm, such as wood pasture &c. during her natural life, the amount necessary for comfortable maintenance and support I hereby charge upon my estate, before distribution thereof or if to be distributed before her death each distributee to contribute a ~~proportion~~ ^{proportion} for her support.

Fourthly, - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth D. McCracken, who has long lived with me and managed my household affairs fifteen hundred dollars of my estate, in notes held on Bonds the purchase of my farm together with the addition of one horse and saddle and bridle valued at one hundred dollars and the following household furniture, most of which she has purchased but being in our joint possession and to remain all difficultly as to her title I bequeath to my said daughter Elizabeth D. any right in me of in and to the two cows claimed by her, one Bureau, two beds with their stores and covering, one falling leaf table

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one candle stand, one looking glass, one set silver tea spoons, all the knives and forks dishes plates and ware in the cupboard, together with said cupboard, all the pots pans & cooking utensils together with the chairs, one spinning wheel & my family bible and hymn Book.

Fifthly, my son William H. McCracken importunes me to make an advance to him in order to settle himself in the world, and for his accommodation on the sale of my farm, I gave him fifteen hundred dollars of the money paid me and took his receipt, which will be found amongst my papers, and which is a full discharge of his interest in my real estate. I hereby and herein declare him fully provided for except so far as there may be a distribution of personalty to be sold, on hand at my death and for which I will hereinafter provide.

Sixthly, I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary A. Shields her heirs &c. One thousand dollars of the proceeds of the real estate sold Bonds, together with her distribution of any personalty on hand at my death as herein after provided for.

Seventhly - I will and bequeath to my daughter Susan B. May One thousand dollars, out of the proceeds of the real estate sold Bonds together with a distribution of any personalty of which I may die seized, as hereinafter provided for.

Eighthly - whereas my daughter Catharine H. Hunday has unfortunately married a husband whose inebriate habits forbid the hope of seeing anything, and my paternal feelings induce me to provide against her and her children coming to want, I therefore for that purpose do herein appoint Robt. L. Blair of the County, Justice for the benefit of my said daughter Catharine H. and the children now begotten all the children of her body, and herein bequeath, to said Justice to be held in trust, and used as necessity may require one thousand dollars, of the proceeds of my real estate sold to Bonds, to have and to hold and pay over as her necessities may demand, with this qualification only that if Mathew C. Hunday husband of my daughter Catharine, should entirely reform in his habits, that

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last will - In witness whereof I have to these presents
set my hand and affixed my seal - this 19th day of
November 1856 in presence of us as follows -
Fourteenth bequest inserted by testator on the 20th Novem-
ber 1856 And acknowledge before us the same witnesses of
19th - Attest
Wm H. Blair.
R. L. Blair Jr.

John M Cracken Seal

The foregoing will was sworn to
open court at September term 1859 by Jm H & R
Blair Jr & ordered to be recorded And Wm
Shields the Executor named therein appeared in
open Court gave bonds and approved security and was
duly qualified as the law directs
Henry Hoss. Clerk

James Reebler's Will
I James Reebler being in my perfect senses and
knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty
of death do hereby make and publish this my
last will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void all other wills by me at any
time made.
First I direct that my body be
decently buried and that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid out of any money
I may die possessed of or that may first
come into the hands of my Executors.
Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife
Sarah the full possession of the room that I now
live in with privilage of the passage and other
necessary priviledges about the house and all of my
house hold and kitchen furniture for her to dis-
pose of as she may choose and a plentiful
support from the farm to keep her comfortable and
happy.
Thirdly I will and bequeath to my daughter
Wallenda English and Mary Haws the farm that I
bought for them from Jane & Elizabeth English
Haws and my executors are hereby directed to make

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said trustee being assured of such information
may use the trust funds in purchasing a home
for the family.
Ninthly - I will and bequeath to
my grandson John M Cracken Greenway, have fifty
dollars out of my estate
Tenthly I will and bequeath
to John M Cracken son of William H M Cracken fifty
dollars out of my estate
Eleventhly I bequeath to my
Grandson William Greenway of my daughter Mar-
garet Fifty dollars out of my estate -
Twelfthly - I will and bequeath to my Grandson
William E Hundley Twenty five dollars out of my Estate
Thirteenth - I will to my Grandson William Shields
May Twenty five dollars out of my Estate -
Fourteenth - To my Grandson John F Shields of
William and Mary Shields Fifty Dollars -
It is further my will that at my death or
that of my beloved wife whichever of us shall
survive and die last, all the personalty together
with my undisposed of Estate not mentioned
in this Will, shall be equally divided between
my five children, Elizabeth M Cracken, William
H M Cracken, Mary A Shields, Susan B May and
Catherine G Haws, except my son William H
M Cracken who gives to his sister Elizabeth with
myself as security seventy five dollars for horse
purchase and for which she holds his note &
which I do hereby expressly provide shall so much
diminish the distributive share of my son William
and increase that of Elizabeth. All my foregoing
bequests to be paid pro rata as the respective notes
of Camo fall due from year to year.
And I do herein and hereby constitute
and appoint my Son in law and my friend
William Shields my Sole Executor of this my
last will and Testament hereby revoking and
declaring null and void all former wills and
Testaments and establishing this alone as my