

William Middleton's Will

State of Tennessee } Aug 30th 1867.
Washington County }

Know all me by these presents that I William Middleton of the County and State aforesaid being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do take this method of arranging and disposing of my worldly substances.

And first It is my will that first of all my funeral expenses be paid. And second that all my just debts be paid. And third - I will the remainder of all my ^{estate} real and personal to my wife Ann Middleton for her use and comfort during her natural life entrusting her with full power to distribute amongst all the children the remainder of which is not consumed for her comfort during his life in that manner which she may think just and rite taking into consideration the amount which has been received by some prior to this date.

And lastly I appoint Ann Middleton my wife for the love, respect and confidence have the executrix of this my last will and testament and require of her no security. Given under my hand and seal the day and date above written. Intested before signed William Middleton
Test J. J. Upgar.

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate and there being only one witness thereto, the heirs entered into an agreement that said will should be recorded, which agreement is, with the will and order of the Court entered in full on the minutes of the Court at the March term 1877, and ordered to be recorded. Reference is here made to the proceedings of the Court on page 501 of minutes.
J. P. Grisham Clerk

Elizabeth D. Miller's Will

I Elizabeth D. Miller of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following to wit.

First - I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend Sarah J. Miller who now lives with me, and for her special kindneasts me and my husband in his life time, all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, also what may be found in my smoke house. Also all the gold I have both in the house and what is loaned out or on deposit. I deposit the Library with the Secretary containing them. I also give to her my cow called Ned.

Second
I give and bequeath my Library and the Secretary containing them to the Christian Church at Johnson City, of which Church I am a member. And I direct and devise that said Library shall at all times remain in the House, under the care and charge of any Minister of said Church who may occupy said house as set forth in the will of my deceased husband James Miller.

Third
I will and bequeath to my Sister Mary Reeves wife of William P. Reeves One thousand dollars in cash.

Fourth
I will and bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth D. Reeves wife of Peter H. Reeves One thousand dollars in cash. These two last bequests I wish to be paid by my executor out of the proceeds of the sales of my real estate, as soon as said sales can be effected.

Fifth
I will and bequeath that my Executor sell my real estate as soon after my death as possible, that is to say, One lot in Johnson City Tennessee lying in front of the lot on which I live, and adjoining J. L. Laws Stone house lot. Containing one fourth of an acre more or less, also fifteen acres, which was bought off of the Jones tract adjoining Jacob Black John Ford J. L. Barts & others lying about two miles west of Johnson City also my farm on which William Miller now resides in Civil District No 11. and adjoining the lands of Edmund Price Mauda Bacon H. K. Chase & others containing 375 acres more or less, at either public or private sale in lots to suit purchasers, at the discretion of my Executor, and in the manner that he can realize the most, and to the best interest of my estate, and when so sold I direct that my executor make deeds according to the terms of sale to the purchasers.

Elizabeth D. Moillens Will.

Sixth

I will and bequeath to Fizzie Moiller Patterson daughter of Susan Patterson one hundred dollars to be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of my real estate.

Seventh

I will and direct that all the money due me (except the gold bequeathed in the first section of this will) go into the hands of my Executor to be applied by him in the payment of the foregoing Special bequests.

Eighth

I will and bequeath that any remainder after paying off the foregoing bequests and expenses, be paid to the heirs of my two Sisters equally.

Ninth

I further will to my friend Sarah J. Moiller one lot of ground in Johnson City Tenn adjoining the Christian Church lot Fifteen Jobs & others on Depot Street containing about one fourth of an acre more or less. I further will her all my County Bonds on Washington County Tenn including the Coupons attached, being two thousand dollars with the interest thereon.

Lastly

I hereby nominate and appoint my Nephew E. C. Reenes my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will. hereby revoking all other wills made by me. (Forgoing erased)
Witness my hand and Seal this 21st day of Decr 1876.
Test J. H. Gusham Elizabeth D. Moiller (Seal)
J. D. Miller

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate and proven in open Court at the March Term 1877, by the oaths of J. H. Gusham and J. D. Miller the two subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be recorded, and E. C. Reenes, the Executor thereon named appeared in open Court gave bond and was duly qualified.
J. H. Gusham Clerk

John Moore's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I John Moore of Washington County, 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, in 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 Margaret and my daughter Nancy M. Moore the land and appurtenances situated between known and described as the Sarah Snickers Sublot in the Nicholas Snickers farm adjoining the lands of David Miller D. B. Thompson Elizabeth Thompson and heirs of J. D. New South Road.

It is my will at the death of my beloved wife, Margaret should my daughter Nancy M. still be living she is to have full possession and control of said lands above described for her support. She being of delicate health, and not able financially to make a support for herself. At the death of my said daughter Nancy M. should she out live my beloved wife Margaret then it is my will that the property Real and personal be equally divided between my two sons and daughters to wit James W. Moore Elie Moore Sarah E. Cane wife of John Cane and Rebecca Reed Wife of J. W. Reed to be divided equally between them or their heirs share and alike. Likewise I make constitute and appoint J. F. Brown to be Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal. This 27th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

John ^{his} Moore (Seal)
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The above written instrument was subscribed by the said John Moore in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and Testament, and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

David Meyer (Seal)
David A. Thompson (Seal)

The foregoing will was presented to the Court for probate at the March Term 1877, and proven by the oaths of David Meyer and David A. Thompson the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded.
J. H. Gusham Clerk