

John Murray's Will

The last will & Testament of of John Murray of Washington County Tennessee

I John Murray considering the uncertainty of this worldly life & being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form that is to say
 1st my will is that my body be decently consigned to the grave & commend my soul to God who gave it
 2^d my will is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of any money I may die seized & possessed of or so soon as any may come into the hand of my Executor. (Secondly) my will is that my beloved wife Elizabeth shall have the plantations on which I now live on being the tract of land adjoining Jeremiah Bacon's lands & Hiram Hampton & also my will is that my wife Elizabeth shall have that tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of sinking Creek adjoining the land of Daniel Sherry Jonathan Bacon being the tract of land that Shadrach Murray Decd. an also that my wife Elizabeth shall have all my household & Kitchen Furniture and all of the property of every kind during her natural life or widowhood
 3^d my will is that at the death of my wife or her widowhood that my son Matthew shall have the described tracts of land and all the personal property of every kind as I have partioned of all the balance of my children as much as I intend to give them also my will is that if my son Pearson should out live my wife Elizabeth then in that case my will is that my son Matthew shall take good care of him as long as he lives

4th my will is that Peter Murray be my sole executor & don't require any security. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty
 John Murray
 Attest Joseph Crouch
 Matthew Sherry

Wm R Rheas Will

William R Rheas of Washington County State of Tennessee being in feeble health but strong in mind & memory & knowing that I must die publish this my last will & testament & I appoint my dearly beloved wife & the mother of my children loved children Mary & all Rheas my executors & my son William R Rheas & my friend John Adair as my executors & hereby direct that they shall not be required to give security in the hand before entering upon their duties as such

It is my wish that my said Executors & Executors will as soon as they conveniently can proceed to sell all such property as can be spared from the use of the family either at public or private sale as they may think best and collect all moneys that may be due me & pay off all my just debts the remainder of my property of what over kind after after paying my debts & funeral expenses whether in lands negroes personal property and moneys I desire to be left in the hands of my wife Mary to be used by her with the advice of my said Executors for the benefit of herself & all our children in raising & educating the younger ones and in apportioning of the older ones as they may need it & as my said wife may be able to spare it so as to make our children as near equal in the final division of my estate as she conveniently can

Having sold my homestead in this County my said wife will be compelled to procure new homes for the family & I desire her to do so as soon after my death as she conveniently can I hereby appoint her as Guardian for our minor children and authorize and empower her to sell & convey any real or personal estate or negroes of which I may die seized and possessed and to make deeds of conveyance or acquittances for the