

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
 First my will is that my body be decently consigned to the grave & commend my soul to God who gave it
 Secondly 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
 Thirdly 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

Lastly my will is that Peter Murray be my sole executor & don't require any security On 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 Rhea's Will

William R Rhea 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 Rhea my executors & my son William R Rhea & my friend John Adairson 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

Wm R Rheas Will Continued

same and to make purchase or purchases of real estate 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 28th Dec 1861
 signed sealed & delivered
 in presence of
 J. F. Stepp
 Jas. D. Rheas

State of Tennessee The last will and testament
 Washington County of Wm R Rheas dec^d presented
 to Court for probate and the same being duly proven
 by the Oaths of J. F. Stepp & J. D. Rheas the Subscribing
 witnesses & ordered to be recorded

this 5th day of March 1862

And the Executor named in said will appeared

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

this 5th day of March 1862

J. A. Conley Clerk

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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. 1st 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^d 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
 arise 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^d 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 com-
 fortable and ample support in accordance with the above con-
 dition and the entire farm shall stand bound for same, I also
 give him choice of my two farm waggons and my wheat pair.
 Sec. 4th 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, Susanah
 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 18th 1860.
 Sec. 5th 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 pro-
 ceeds 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, Susanah 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. 6th and last I hereby appoint my son John B. Klepper and my
 son-in-law John H. Range the Executors of this my last will.