

John Stroud's Will.

State of Tennessee Washington County.

I John Stroud do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills 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 Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved mother all my real and personal estate for her support during her natural life. Thirdly I direct that my sister Mary be allowed Fifty Dollars after my mothers death out of my estate for services rendered, in waiting on me during my sickness. Fourthly I direct that of my estate after my mothers death be equally disposed of between three of my sisters viz: Mary Higgins, Nancy Bartlett, Sarah Moor. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Ellis Higgins my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 11th day of April 1863

John ^{his} Stroud Seal

Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Executor this 11th day of April 1863

William Lawing aff'd & qual.
Ellis Higgins aff'd & qualified

The foregoing Will was duly proven in Open Court by the Oaths of William Lawing and Ellis Higgins the subscribing witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded and Ellis Higgins the Executor mentioned there in appeared in said Court paid bond with security and qualified as the law directs and the said Will to be recorded from at July Term 1863,
Wm. H. Conly, Clerk

James Brown's Will

I James Brown of the town of Jonesborough County of Washington and State of Tennessee; being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and Testament:

I that is to say: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Brown all my personal property including every thing.

II I give and devise to my said wife Margaret Brown all my real estate in the Town of Jonesborough: said property to be and to belong to said Margaret Brown and her children, subject, however to be disposed of by said Margaret Brown at her death as she may deem proper.

III It is my will and I require my Executrix (hereinafter to be named), to make sale to the best advantage, within a reasonable time: of my house and lot (on which said house stands) which I have for sometime used for a saddler's shop: and that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of any debts justly owing by me at the time of my death, it is also my desire, that the partition in the room occupied as a shop, be removed back to its former position, before a sale shall be made. And it is my desire that in the event there is anything yet due Wm. R. Sevier as balance of purchase money on said house and lot of ground, that my Executrix shall first pay said balance (if any there be) to said Wm. R. Sevier before making sale.

IV It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize my said Executrix (hereinafter to be named) to see that my children when they shall have arrived at the proper ages, are put to or apprenticed out, in order that they may learn and acquire some good trade or profession.

V It is my will, and I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Margaret Brown my sole Executrix, to this my last will and Testament and it is my wish and desire, that the County Court of Washington County will not require bond of my Executrix for the faithful performance of her trust - as I place the most implicit confidence in her judgement and integrity. All interlineations were made before this will was signed. In witness whereof, I have this day signed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of - January 26th 1863

James Brown Seal

Attest John A. Wilds
Jos. M. Logan