

John Simpkins Estate Will

I John Simpkins do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others 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 executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my sons, Elbert and James A. Simpkins the farm in which I now live also the thirty acres tract known as the Walsey tract to be equally then in the following conditions viz: Elbert & James A. Simpkins to pay each the following sums Elbert to pay my son Samuel Simpkins fifty dollars, James A. Simpkins to pay him fifty dollars making the sum of one hundred dollars, which sum is to make his lifetime interest in my estate also to pay Martha McCreese one hundred dollars Eliza C. one hundred dollars Emeline Lovelace two hundred and twenty five dollars Malinda Wynn one hundred and fifty dollars Amanda Day two hundred and twenty five dollars and Elizabeth Simpkins three hundred dollars the above sums to be their entire interest in my estate the above sums make in the aggregate the sum of twelve hundred dollars of which amount Elbert is to pay six hundred dollars and James A. Simpkins is to pay six hundred dollars.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Elbert Simpkins my executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this 8th day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine

John Simpkins

signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 8th day of May 1869.

The words in faith line from the bottom
 interline before the signing.

Ebenezer Booth
 E. Armstrong

The foregoing will was presented to the court for probate at July term 1869 and proved by the oaths of Ebenezer Booth and E. Armstrong the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Elbert Simpkins the Executor therein named appeared in open court and entered into bond and

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 securing and was qualified as the law directs.

J. F. Henshaw Clerk

S. J. N. Luckys will

S. J. N. Lucky of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee do ordain & publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills. First I desire all my just debt to be paid. Second I do hereby give & devise to my beloved wife Mary Lucky all of my estate of every kind and description real and personal and wherever situated to have and to hold to her sole and separate use forever and to be disposed of as she may think proper and right & to whom she may think worthy.

I commend to her care and attention my three single daughters believing that she will treat them with the utmost kindness and affection this devise to my wife is not made from any want of affection to my children but as the estate is not large and having the utmost confidence in her prudence and good sense and her willingness to act kindly towards my unmarried daughters I esteem an act of duty to give my whole property to her she is well acquainted with my wishes and feelings as to my unmarried daughters I know she will deal justly and kindly with them. I know of no difference in my feeling to any of my children my son is competent to take care of himself & my married daughters have husbands to take care of provide for them my wife fully understands my wishes and feelings as to my black girl Polly & I have no doubt will dispose of her as I desire expressed by my self & signed with my own proper signature this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1866. I hereby appoint my wife executrix of this will & she is to give no security for the performance of the trust.

S. J. N. Lucky