

James A. Wells' Will

I James A. Wells being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament viz-

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane L. Wells one thousand dollars, to be paid out of the personal and real property of my estate

I give - secondly - to my son James A. Wells and my wife Jane L. Wells jointly during the natural life of my said wife Jane - and at her death absolutely to my son James A. Wells, my dwelling-house where I now live, including the lot or lots - and all the other buildings on the same side of the Bulls Gap or Shipley Ferry Road (which is the North side of said road) including all the lots on the north side of said Road, and all the farm say one hundred acres more or less which I bought of Nathan English - also the tract or lot of land I bought of J. J. Murrell that once belonged to the estate of Saml English died - on the north side of said road containing about fifteen acres more or less - also the lot on which the homestead stands, a part of which lot I bought of Jesse J. James, and the remainder of which I bought from Enock Whitted containing about fifteen acres including the Muncy lot and the lot above adjoining.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Wilberforce Wells my farm called the Stanford farm or the McCabe farm lying in Washington County on the waters of Blakely Creek, containing two hundred and fifty nine acres more or less with all its appurtenances

Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my son John Emory Wells my farm in Sullivan County on Horse Creek called the Good farm containing one hundred and twelve acres more or less adjoining the lands of John B. Hunt & Vincent and others. I also give and bequeath to my son John Emory Wells when he shall come of age in addition to the above land fifteen hundred dollars to be paid out of the effects - real and personal of my estate as herein after mentioned.

Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Monroe Wells my farm in Sullivan County on Walker's fork of Horse Creek, that I bought from George W. Murrell adjoining the lands of J. J. Murrell and A. S. Barnes and others, containing about two hundred and four acres more or less -

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah L. Wells, thirty five hundred dollars to be paid when she comes of age out of my estate personal and real as herein after mentioned -

Seventhly I will to my three sons Wilberforce, John E. and

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Thomas M. Wells jointly all the land I own lying South of the Bulls Gap road adjoining or fronting the family homestead - including all that part of the Dr Sam English land adjoining, (say ten or twelve acres) on the South side of the Bulls Gap road. The said last above mentioned lands altogether contain about twenty acres more or less, upon which lands there stands a brick store-house a Sanyard & house a large stable and other buildings -

I will that the lands and property on the South side of the Snaps Ferry & Bulls Gap road fronting the homestead as above, which is jointly willed to my three sons Wilberforce John E. and Thomas M. Wells shall not be sold by either of them out of the family - but are to be sold either to my wife Jane L. Wells or to one of my other children

I will to my four sons Wilberforce John E. Thomas M. and James A. Wells Equally and jointly my stock in the East Tennessee and Va Rail Road consisting of fifty two shares -

Eighthly - I will that all the residue of my lands herein before not disposed of be sold as my wife Jane L. Wells and my son Wilberforce Wells in their discretion, (as my Executors and Executors) may deem proper - that is to say the Mill farm in Greene County I bought of Alex Heall - The Chester farm in Sullivan County adjoining the lands of Sam Dellow & others - The tract adjoining Jackson's heirs - the White place adjoining the lands of Jerry White - Wm A. Keen and others, and the remainder of the Dr Sam English farm adjoining David & Polk Heall. The entire residue of my property including claims all personal real and mixed property (together with the lands herein before mentioned and not willed) after the payment of my just debts and general expenses (and the above mentioned sums to my wife Jane L. Wells, my son John E. Wells and my daughter Sarah L. Wells) I will to my wife Jane L. Wells and my five children - draw Wilberforce, John E. Thomas M. Sarah L. and James A. Wells Equally - Except Jane is to keep the house hold property and stock, ^{sufficient to carry on the farm during her life.} I will that my five children shall each have a good collegiate education - if they will accept it to be paid for - the boys each - out of the rents of their lands so far as sd rents will go - (if there should be a surplus of rents over what it takes to support the family) after sd rents are exhausted then the education of my sd children is to be paid out of my estate.

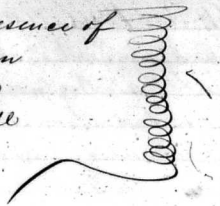
I do hereby appoint my wife Jane L. Wells and my son Wilberforce Wells to execute this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal the 31st of July 1868.

(over)

James A. Wells Will Cont

Signed in presence of
Wm. McEllen
Thos. Murrell
Geo. M. Murrell

The eleventh line on this page intended
before signing. *Read*
James A. Wells *Read*



The foregoing will was proven in open Court at the January Term 1869. by the oaths of Wm. McEllen and Thos. Murrell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Jane S. Wells and Wilberforce Wells the Executor and Executor therein named appeared in Court gave bond and qualified as the law directs.

J. S. Gusham Clerk

Henry King Will

I Henry King of the State of Tennessee County of Washington Being of sound memory and perfect mind do on this the 9th day of May 1867 make and publish this my last Will and testament. First I do will and desire that the following parcels and tracts of Land together with the improvements there on may and shall be sold either at public Sale to the highest bidder or by private contract leaving the manner and terms to the discretion of my Executor and the proceeds of sales of said lands shall first be applied to the payment of my debts the residue if any after defraying the expenses of closing up my business shall go to my wife the following are the tracts mentioned above to wit the tract known as the Sherfy tract on which Stephen Butterworth formerly resided adjoining the lands of J. L. Murray Esq. Daniel McInturff A. D. Saylor Esq. and others a tract lying and being situated on the waters of Lick Creek adjoining the lands of J. M. Baird & others in Carter County containing by estimation 50 Acres more or less this is known as the Jno. Morrell tract one tract owned jointly by myself and Joseph S. Rhea containing by estimation 125 Acres more or less adjoining the lands of Crockett Leary S. Williams and the Libson heirs and others this tract is owned jointly between Rhea and myself each owning the one half also another tract lying and being situated in Washington County adjoining the lands of Geo. Stephens Henry Swadley Mike Kruse and

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others containing fifty Acres more or less also a tract of seventy five Acres more or less adjoining Geo. Stephens Jacob Adler and others this tract is known as the Raccoon Hollow on this Abolern a man of Color now lives and Samuel Sherfy holds a lease on and when sold is subject to the terms and conditions of that lease.

Secondly I do will and bequeath to my son John S. King & his heirs forever the one half of the home tract of land on which I now live I wish this tract divided equally beginning at the line between Jno. Hughes and myself below my dwelling house stable and other buildings and running a South Western course so as to throw the house in which David Scathus lives on the lower end and on through the place so in this division I wish the farm so divided as to make the land equally divided as regards timber and value of land without having strict regard to the number of Acres this will give the greater number of Acres to the upper half the lower end after it is so divided I will and bequeath as above mentioned to my son John S. King and his heirs to have and to hold the same forever also I do will to him the saw mill and water power together with one acre of land from the upper half of the place I wish this one acre run out so as to embrace the saw mill site and water privilege.

Thirdly I do will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth C. King the upper half of the foregoing described tract of land together with the dwelling house stables and all improvements situate thereon (save the one acre embracing the saw mill) to have and to hold the same during her natural life or widowhood I do also will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth C. King all my household and kitchen furniture and my farming tools wagon harness also my gray mare also all my stock of cattle hogs sheep be also eleven shares of stock in the C. & O. R. R. Co. all these items of personal property I wish my wife to use as she thinks best. Thirdly after my wifes death I do will and bequeath this upper half of the home tract of land to my daughter Ann C. King and her heirs to have and to hold the same in their own right forever I do appoint my son John S. King and Samuel A. Cunningham as the Executors of this my last will and testament and do not require that the required to give any bond or security in the premises as I have the utmost confidence in their integrity and faithfulness. Such other articles of personal property as may be found and are not herein provided for they may dispose of to the best advantage given under my hand and seal this the 9th day of May 1867.

Attest
Francis Williams
G. H. St. John

Henry King *Read*