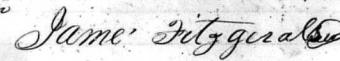


*James Fitzgerald's Will*  
 State of Tennessee Washington County Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Know all men by these presents that this is my will  
 and testament in the penal sum of Ten Thousand dollars  
 I bind my executors administrators and assigns to make  
 a good lawful title to the following tract of lands to viz  
 Commencing on John Gresham line then due east to Joseph  
 and Henry Reals lines then with their line to John Fords  
 line then with his line to Jonathan Fords line then with his  
 and Joseph Martin line to the place of beginning containing  
 four hundred acres more or less to have and to hold unto  
 Samuel R Milburn Andrew J Milburn Mary Elizabeth  
 Milburn John W Milburn Henry A Milburn to have  
 and to hold unto them forever and there assigns I hereunto  
 acknowledge and affix this to be my will and testament  
 and affix my seal date above written

Nathan Shipler   
 James R Shipler   
 John Goforth 

James Fitzgerald 

*Estate of James Fitzgerald*  
 State of Tennessee Washington County Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 Know all men by these presents  
 I James Fitzgerald of the one part and  
 black Cat Jack Ham Cat Fan  
 Joe Clary Melly James Marfago of the other part this  
 is my will and testament. I James Fitzgerald for the above  
 named blacks to have one hundred acres of land  
 bounded as follows. Commencing on John Gresham line  
 then running with the line of Joseph Matras old tract then  
 running round for complement to have and to hold unto them  
 the above named blacks forever and to be free after my death  
 I hereunto acknowledge and affix my seal this to be my  
 will and testament day and date above written  
 test  
 Nathan Shipler   
 James R Shipler   
 John Goforth 

James Fitzgerald 

The foregoing wills were proven in open Court at January term 1866 by Joseph Bowman and G H Range the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And John White the Executor appointed in said will appeared in Open Court gave bond and affirms security and was duly qualified as the law directs.

Arthur Shipler appeared in Open Court and entered in  
 as Administrator of the said James Fitzgerald Decd with  
 the will annexed gave bond with approved security and  
 was duly qualified as the law directs.

John Gresham Clerk

## *James White's will*

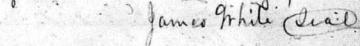
I James White of the County of Washington knowing life is uncertain I feel it is  
 right and proper for me to make some disposition of my property. I therefore make the following  
 disposition of my estate real personal "to wit" I desire first that my Executors hereafter named  
 bury my body in Christian like manner and that they pay all my funeral expenses and all  
 my just debts. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to the Baptist Church at Union Washington near me three  
 hundred dollars for the use and benefit of st Union Church as long as it remains a Baptist  
 Church the interest of which sum is to be paid annually to the Pastor of said Church where  
 he may be. I want the members of the Union Church to determine how this sum shall be vested  
 or loaned so as to be most beneficial for the Pastor. and I want it understood that whenever  
 the Union Church ceases to be a Baptist Church then said fund shall belong to the Baptist denom-  
 ination and subject to their control and management. 3<sup>rd</sup> I want my real and personal  
 estate sold and the proceeds equally divided among my children by which I mean that the  
 grand children shall represent their parents in the same way that their ancestor would receive

4<sup>th</sup> I desire and make it obligatory on my Executors to give Jane McFarland whatever  
 be a reasonable compensation for her extra services to me. this is to be discretionary with my  
 Executors provided this remains with me and continues as kind to me as she has been how-  
 ever if she ceases to be kind and attentive to me as now then she will get nothing.  
 My Executors are required to sell my lands to the highest bidder on such time as they may  
 think fit. I appoint John White my Executor of this my last will & testaments.  
 Should he die before me then I want Thomas A. Dow to execute this will  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1865.

test

Joseph Bowman

G H Range

James White 

The foregoing will was proven in open Court at January term 1866 by Joseph  
 Bowman and G H Range the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
 recorded. And John White the Executor appointed in said will  
 appeared in Open Court gave bond and affirms security and was  
 duly qualified as the law directs.

John Gresham Clerk  
 County Court

Ancientative Will of James Humphreys Decd.  
Feb the 13<sup>rd</sup> 1866.

The undersigned were present just before the death of James Humphreys and heard him say how he wished his property disposed of after his death, that he wanted Newton N. Humphreys to have his bag harness John & Jameson Newtons two children to have the bed and bedding he then lay on, he wished his other property and land sold and the proceeds equally divided between all his brothers & sisters and all his debts paid.

Thomas Meames  
Margt Thompson  
mark

The foregoing will was presented to Court for probate at its March Term 1866 and proven by the oaths of Thomas Meames and Margt Thompson the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded & that the same J. T. Gresham Clerk

## Jacob Whistler's Will

Jacob Whistler of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind memory & judgment do make constitute & ordain this as my last will & Testament in form & manner following viz:

Section 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my funeral expenses and my just debts be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor.

Sec 2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Whistler the entire proceeds & income of my farm during her natural life and any necessary thing in and about the house that she may need or want. And if she and Mary Ann Garrow live or stay together all things is to be & remain as heritance in the family. And if any of stock & farming utensils, or anything else that she may not need it is my will that it be sold to the best advantage & whatever of the money my wife may not need to be put out on interest to pay taxes &

Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that at or after my wife's death that all of my estate both real and personal be sold to the best advantage either publicly or privately by my Executor for Cash and the proceeds to be equally divided among my heirs except Elizabeth Biddle is to have two hundred dollars and an equal share and signature illegal to have one hundred dollars and an equal share

Sec 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my Executor has the entire control of my estate both real & personal as I have heretofore had to manage for the best interest of my wife & heirs.

I hereby authorize and empower my Executor (hereafter to be named) to make the purchase of the land a warranty deed.

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my Son-in-law William Gresham Executor of this my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1869.

Jacob Whistler (Seal)

Attest  
E. L. Mathis  
Jacob L. Probst

The foregoing will was presented to Court for probate by E. L. Mathis and Jacob Probst at April Term 1866. The said subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Jacob Probst appeared in open Court gave bond with sufficient security and was duly qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of the said Jacob Whistler died.

J. T. Gresham Clerk

## Abraham Sherfy's Will

I Abraham Sherfy do make and publish this my last Will and Testament

First I direct that my funeral expenses be paid and also my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may, first come into the hands of my Executor's hands. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Magdaline Sherfy all the lands and Stock and house hold and Kitchen furniture and Farming utensils to be hers as long as she lives and at her death to be divided with the heirs. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Sherfy and her heirs one half of the estate at the death of her mother. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebekah Caroline Sherfy and her heirs the other half of the estate at the death of her Mother. I do hereby nominate and appoint Magdaline Sherfy and Vincent Boring my executors, in witness whereof I do set to this my will set my hand and seal this the 32<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1866.

Attest  
Sam'l S. Sherfy  
Vincent Boring

The foregoing will was proven in open Court by Sam'l S. Sherfy and Vincent Boring the two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded at April term 1866.

J. T. Gresham Clerk