

JOHN CROOK I, WILL

I, John Crook, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following: Item __ first I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca Crook, one third part of all my cleared land situated, lying and being in the county of White and state of Tennessee, together with a sufficient number of acres of timbered land, as near adjacent thereto as the same can be laid off, to answer the purpose of all necessary repairs and for fuel &C for and during her natural life, said third part of my cleared land so laid off as to include my mansion and other outhouses where I now reside and also the Spring now used by me. And it is my will and desire and I hereby direct that my Executors hereinafter named, lay by metes and bounds to my said wife Rebecca, the land and premises devised aforesaid. Item second, I do give and bequeath unto my son John Crook, II and my daughter Elizabeth Yount all the rest and residue of my lands tenements and hereditaments situate, lying and being in the County of White, Tennessee, except the part bequeathed as above to my wife Rebecca, to them the said John Crook and Elizabeth Yount and to their heirs forever, and at the death of my wife Rebecca, I do further give and bequeath to my said children, John Crook and Elizabeth Yount and to their heirs forever, all that part of my land bequeathed above to my wife Rebecca, to be equally divided between them at the death of my said wife Rebecca and none of the lands hereby devised to my said children John Crook and Elizabeth Yount, until the happening of said event, to wit, the death of my said wife Rebecca. Item third, __ I give and bequeath unto my said wife Rebecca Crook and her heirs forever, my Negro girl slave called Edy, and her increase, also my Negro Boy called Simon, also my Negro Girl Slave commonly called Little Edy, and her increase, also two beds and furniture, two cows and calves, six head of other young cattle out of my stock, also one ten gallon kettle, one pot, also one horse to be selected by her out of my stock of horses, also all the crockery and Delf ware which she may claim, also six head of sheep to be selected by her out of my stock of sheep, also two sows and pigs, also four killing hogs, also two wheels, one reel, also what Pewter ware she chooses to take, two chests and one clock. I also devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca Crook, in addition to the foregoing property, one year's provisions for herself and family which direct my Executors to lay off and set apart to her, and in the event there should not be a sufficiency of provisions on hand at my death for the purpose, my executors are directed to supply the deficiency with any funds belonging to my estate which they may have in their hands. Item fourth, __ It is my will and desire that all the rest residue and remainder of my personal property of what kind of nature so ever no already particularly devised (my Negroes excepted). Be sold by my executors at public auction to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, and the money arising from said sale, together with what may be collected by them of the debts due me, are directed to be applied in the first place to the extinguishments of all my just debts. Should a surplus remain after paying my just debts, I then and in that event, give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Goolsby twenty Dollars, should a surplus still remain after paying just debts and after paying to my Daughter Jane Goolsby twenty dollars above devised to her, then and in that event I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, to wit, the children of my son John Crook and the

children of my Daughter Elizabeth Yount and to the heirs of my said Grandchildren forever, said remaining surplus, to be equally divided between my said Grandchildren, to be paid to them respectively by my executors as they severally arrived at the age of twenty-one years. Item, ___ It is my will and desire that my Negro slaves, Trythena, Vice, Phillis, Charity, Little Vice (being two of the same name) Anthony and a Negro child called Mary Jane, and the increase of the said Negro slaves, be sold after my death, either publicly or privately by my Executors, as they may deem best, on a credit of twelve months, and it is my desire that my executors in making sale of said Negroes, select for them Masters who will treat them with humanity. The money arising from the sale of my said Negroes, I give and bequeath to my said Grandchildren to wit: the children of my son John Crook and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Yount, to them my said Grand Children and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them to be paid by to them by my executors as they respectively arrived at the age of twenty-one years. Item, ___ I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Crook III, child of my son John Crook, my Negro boy slave called William, to him and his heirs forever. And lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my friends William Hill and Samuel Brown Executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 29th day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty-four.

(signed) his X John Crook Senr.. mark

William Mills) Test.
John W. Mills)

Proven, April Term, 1838

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And on the 11th day of September 1847, there as filed a report in words and figures following to wit: (here follows report)

It is agreed by counsel that the following named persons are entitled to distribution of the above fund, To wit: John Crook, Allen Crook, Isaac Crook, Charles Crook, William Crook, Mark Harper and wife Ruth; Anthony McBroom and wife Mary; Robert Howard and wife Nancy; Jesse Crook; Rebecca Crook and Elizabeth Crook, children of John Crook Jr. Decd.

Nancy Yount, Zebedee P. Dearing and wife Sally; Andrew Brown and wife _____,
William Maden and wife Polly, and John Yount, children of Elizabeth Yount.

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Sparta, Tennessee, White County.

