Will for 1226 Mark Robertson
Davidson County, Tennessee, Will Book 1, 53

Know all Men by these Presents that We Matthew & Mary Payne of the County of Davidson & State of N. Carolina Do Nominate Constitute & Appoint our Son Isaiah Payne our True and Lawfull Attorney to Act for us & in our Name to Bargain Sell & Acknowledge a Certain Tract of Land Lying on Clinch River in Russell County and State of Virginia in as full and Ample a manner as We Could Were We personally Present holding good and Valid all our d. Attorney may Lawfully Do in our names Given Under our hands & Seals this Second Day of July 1787

The Above Letter of Attorney Was Acknowledged by y.e d. Mathew Payne in Court held for y.e County of Davidson July 2.d 1787 and Henry Bradford in s.d Court Made Oath that he saw Mary Payne Likewise Sign & Seal the Same

The Will of Mark Robertson

I Mark Robertson of y.e County of Davidson in the State of North Carolina Do this Twelfth Day of August in the year of our Lord 1784 Do make this my Last Will and Testament That is to Say

Item — I give & Demise to my Sister Ann Cockrill Thousand Eighty Two Mary Elizabeth & Charity Johnson Five Thousand Acres of Land lying on y.e Waters of Duck River Entered in my Own Name on the Land Office at Hillsborough Which Land Shall be Equally Divided Among the Three Sisters Aff.d

Item — And 640 Acres of a Military Claim lying Above a Mile & Quarter Above y.e Mouth of Wells Creek Entered in James Robertson's name, To my Brother Charles Robertson Demised & Bequeath to him y.e d. Charles

Item — And 320 Acres of Land lying on Little Harpeth it Being the half of John Drake's hunters Claim I bequeath to my Sister Cash — And all Other Lands & Properties to Which I Am now Entitled to or Shall be I give Demise & Bequeath To my Wife Mary Robertson

I Also do hereby Constitute & Appoint my Brother James Robertson & Mary Robertson my Wife my Exts of this My Last Will & Testament hereby Disannulling

No. C. Davidson County — Mark Robertson

Know all men by these Presents that We James Lenear & Anthony Crutcher both of Davidson County are held & firmly bound unto Mark Robertson of s.d County & State in to the Just & full Sum of One Thousand Pound Currency of s.d State which payment Well & Truly to be made. We bind ourselves our heirs Ex.tr and Assigns Jointly and Severally firmly by these Presents To the s.d Mark Robertson or his heirs. Given Under our hands this 16 day of July 1787

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that if the Above bounden James Lenear & Anthony Crutcher or Either of them do Pay or Cause to be paid to y.e s.d Mark Robertson Or his heirs by the first day of M.ch Ensuing Twenty Eight Likely Young Cows & Twenty Eight Calves and if not Punctually Paid at y.e Time mentioned they are to pay The Increase of y.e s.d Cows Untill they are Paid then this Obligation to be Void Otherwise to remain in full force Given under our hand the Date Above Mentioned

To Which Obligation as Above Recited was Marked the Names James Lenear & Anthony Crutcher W.t Seals Affixed W.t The names Edwin Hickman, Edward Douglass & James Mark Lewis as Subscribing Witnesses thereto. The Latter of Which in Court held for y.e County of Davidson July 3.d 1787 Made Path that he Saw James Lenear & Anthony Crutcher Sign And Seal to y.e Above Instrument of Writting

Test Andrew Ewing Ad.c

Mark Robertson

Know all men by these Presents that We Eusebius Bushnell and William Dobbins both of Davidson County & State of N.o Carolina are held and firmly bound Unto Mark Robertson ~~of~~ his Cattle Attorney his heirs Ex.tr Adm.rs or Assigns in the full Sum of Eighteen hundred pounds Virginia Money Paid in Gold or Silver for Which Payment Well and Truly to be made and Done We bind ourselves our heirs Ex.tr & Adm.rs Jointly & Severally firmly by these Presents. Sealed W.t our Seals and Dated this 8 day of Feb.y 1785 } The Condition of this Obligation is Such that if the Above bound Eusebius Bushnell or William Dobbins or Either of them Shall Well and Truly pay to y.e Aff.d Mark Robertson [illegible] pound Virginia Money in Gold or Silver

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The Will of Mark Robertson / I MARK ROBERTSON of ye County of Davidson in the / State of North Carolina Do this Twelvt day of August in the year of our Lord 1784 / Do make this my last Will and Testament: That is to Say / ITEM – I give & devise to my Sister ANN COCKRILL Three Daughters / To Wit, MARY, ELIZABETH, & CHARITY JOHNSON Five Thousand Acres / of Land lying on ye Waters of Duck River Entered in my Own / Name in the Land Office at Hillsborough Which Land / Shall be Equally Divided Among the Three Sisters Affsd / ITEM – and 640 Acres of Land of a Military Claim Lying about / A Mile & Quarter Above ye Mouth of Wills Creek Entered in / JAMES ROBERTSON's name, To my Brother CHARLES ROBERTSON / Devided & Bequeathed to him ye sd CHARLES – / ITEM – And 320 Acres of Land Lying on Little Harpeth it / Being that half of John Drakes hunters Claim; I bequeath to my / SISTER CASH – And all other Lands & Properties to Which / I Am now entitled to or Shall be, I give Devise & bequeath To my Wife MARY ROBERTSON – / I also do hereby Constitute & Appoint my Brother / JAMES ROBERTSON & MARY ROBERTSON my Wife my Exrs / of this My Last Will & Testament hereby Disannulling

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[-----] / N.C. Davidson County – / Know all men by these Presents that We James Lucas & Anthony Carothers / [ ] both of Davidson County was held and firmly bound unto / Mark Robertson of sd County & State into the Last & full Sum / of One Thousand Pound Currencyof sd State Which payment / Well & Truly to be made. We bind ourselves our heirs Exetrs / and assigns Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents / To the sd Mark Robertson or his heirs. Given Under our / hands This 16 day of July 1787 / The conditions of this obligation is Such that of the / Above bond on James Lucas & Anthony Carothers or to the / of heirs do Pay or Cause to be paid to ye sd Mark Robertson / Or his heirs by the first day of March Ensuing Twenty Eight / Liberly Giving Cows & Twenty Eight Calves & if not / Partially paid at ye Time mentioned They are to Pay / The [-----] of ye sd Cows Untill they are paid then this / Obligation to be Void Otherwise to Remain in full force Given under / our hand the date Above Mentioned / To which Obligation as Above [-----] was Marked the / Names James Lucas & Anthony Carothers Seals Affixed Wth the Names [-----] Richman, Edward [Covigton?] & James [-----] / Lucas as Subscribing Witnesses thereto. The Latter of Which in / Court held for ye County of Davidson July 3d 1787 Made / Oath that the Said James Lucas & Anthony Carothers Sign / and Seal to ye Above Instrument of Writing

Mark Robertson

Know all men by these presents that We Eusebius Brickwell and / William Dobbins both of Davidson County & State of No. Carolina / [-----] and firmly bound Unto Mark Robertson his [-----] /[-----] his heirs Exetrs Admtrs as ye [-----] in the full Sum of / Eighteen hundred pounds Virginia Money Paid in Gold or Silver / In the Payment Well and Truly to be made and [-----] We [-----] / [-----] our heirs Extrs & Admtrs Jointly & Severally Firmly / by these Presents [-----] and Affx our Seals and Dated this 8 day / of [-----] 1785} The Consideration of this Obligation is Such / [-----] bound Eusebius Brickwell or William Dobbins as [-----] / [-----] Well & Truly pay to ye Afsd Mark Robertson / [-----] hundred pounds Virginia Money in Gold or Silver.

Source: Davidson County (Tennessee) County Clerk, *Wills, 1784-1941, Wills, vol. 1-4, 1784-1816*., FHL microfilm 200252.

Note by Tom Robertson: The foregoing document is an imperfect copy of Mark Robertson's will. Colonel William Curry Harlee transcribed the original at *Kinfolks: A Genealogical and Biographical Record*, 3 volumes (New Orleans: Searcy & Pfaff, 1937), 3: 2554-2555 as follows:

I MARK ROBERTSON of ye County of Davison in the State of North Carolina Do this Twelvt day of August in the year of our Lord 1784 Do make this my last Will and Testament: That is to Say:

ITEM I give & devise to my Sister ANN COCKRILL Three Daughters, To Wit, MARY, ELIZABETH, & CHARITY JOHNSON Five Thousand Acres of Land lying on ye Waters of Duck River Entered in my Own Name in the Land Office at Hillsborough Which Land Shall be Equally Divided Among the Three Sisters Affsd.

ITEM and 640 Acres of Land of a Miiitary Claim Lying about a Mile & quarter above ye Mouth of Wills Creek Entered in JAMES ROBERTSON's name To my Brother CHARLES ROBERTSON Devided & Bequeathed to him ye sd CHARLES.

ITEM and 320 Acres of Land Lying on Little Harpeth it Being that half of John Brakes hunters Claim; I bequeath to my Sister CASH. And all other Lands & Properties to Which I Am now entitled to or Shall be, I give Devise 8 bequeath To my Wife MARY ROBERTSON.

I also do hereby Constitute & Appoint my Brother JAMES ROBERTSON & MARY ROBERTSON my Wife my Exrs of this My Last Will & Testament hereby Disannulling And Disallowing all Former Wills and Testaments heretofore by me Made Ratifying & Confirming this and no Other as my Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set My hand and Seal This day & Year above Written.

Mark Robertson

John A. Brayton transcribed the original of Mark Robertson's will at *The Ancestry of General James Robertson, "Father of Tennessee,"* addendum to *The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams* (Winston-Salem, North Carolina, John A. Brayton, 1995), 27, as follows:

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I also do hereby Constitute & Appoint my Brother JAMES ROBERTSON & MARY ROBERTSON my Wife my Exrs of this My Last Will & Testament hereby Disannulling

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And Disallowing all Former Wills and Testaments heretofore by me Made Ratifying & Confirming this and no Other as my Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set My hand and Seal This day and Year above Written.

The Execution of ye Above Will by sd ROBERTSON Was proven by ye Oaths of Geo. Bell & Abednego L [ ] the Subscribing Witnesses thereto in Court held by ye County of Davidson The 2 day of July in the Year of our Lord 1787.

Test Andrew Ewing CC