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WILL OF THOMAS GILLENWATERS (Sr.)

Page 223 Dated: March 30, 1841

In the name of God, Amen. I, **Thomas Gillenwaters, Sr.** of the County of Hawkins and State of Tenn., being afflicted in body but of sound mind & memory, calling to mind the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. In the first place, I recommend my soul to that God who gave it, trusting that He will receive it into glory. Next, I recommend my body to the grave in a plain, Christian manner. As touching my temporal matters, I desire that all my just debts be paid in the first place.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved **wife Mary** my young bay mare, two cows and calves, six head of sheep, one sow, six pigs & Rusia boar, two beds, bedsteads and bed furniture, one Bureau, one cupboard, one folding cherry table, one chest, four chairs, one set of plates, set of cups and saucers, set of knives and forks, such of the casting as she wants for her own use, at her own disposal. I further give unto my beloved wife all the proceeds of the remaining perishable property which I may die in possessions of, which property not otherwise disposed of in this instrument shall be sold on a 12-month credit and kept to her use during life, and at her death if there be a remainder, it to be divided among the children.

My land whereon I now live I give to my **daughter Rachael Kyle and Robert Kyle**, her husband, containing 210 acres down to the road called Cove Road, on the condition Robert Kyle will pay \$550.00 within five years next after being possessed of s'd farm, to be paid in the following manner: **To Betsey Kleper on order \$100.00. To Patsy McCann \$100.00; to Nancy Klepper \$100.00. To Polly Gillenwaters \$200.00**, and the remaining \$50.00 to be paid to my **four sons, William, Robert, Joel and Thomas Gillenwaters**, each an equal part. I also give to **Rachael** one bed, bedstead and furniture, one pot, one kettle, three ewes and lambs.

I give and bequeath unto my **youngest daughter Sally Simmons** a tract of land containing 30 acres, adjoining the tract I live on, on Molsbee's Branch: Beginning on a white oak, **William Gillenwater's** corner near the mouth of Molsbee's Branch, then with Cove Road to my old line and Molsbee's line, then crossing the branch various courses to the beginning. I also give **Betsy** one bed, bedstead and furniture, one large kettle. And I give to my **daughter Polly** a kettle. I give **Calvin M. Gillenwaters, my grandson**, three ewes and lambs and one bed, bedstead and furniture and the crop being now commenced for this year by **Robert Kyle and Calvin Gillenwaters**. **Robert** is to have 2/3 of all that may be raised and **Calvin** 1/3, by their continuing to work together until the crop is finished and to have what bacon and corn it will require to do them this year which we have on hand. My great coat I give to **Calvin**; all my other clothing to be give to my loving wife. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal. This 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.
_____(seal)

A codicil. I further desire that **James G. Simmons** be appointed My Executor and Administrator and that he make no sale of any goods or chattels until in August next. Also that said **Simmons** not be required to give security in this matter. Also I give to my **youngest son, Thomas**, my Family Bible. I desire that this shall be considered a part of my last and to be good and valid in fee simple. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written.

Thomas Gillenwaters (Seal)

Attest: **William Gillenwaters David Patterson Geo. Gillenwaters**

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WILL OF MARY GILLENWATERS

Page 229 No Date Proven in part Nov. Term, 1855

In the Name of God, Amen. I **Mary Gillenwaters widow & relic of Thomas Gillenwaters**, dec'd of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound memory, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me made. I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and hope to enjoy eternal happiness when He shall please to call me from this mortal life, and it is my wish and desire that my body shall be buried in a plain, Christian manner, and as to what worldly property it hath pleased the Almighty to place in my hands, I dispose of the same in the following manner, that is to say.

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved **son-in-law Thomas Gillenwaters** for his use and that of my **beloved daughter Polly who intermarried with him**, all my personal property which I may possess at my death, consisting of all my stock on the farm, household and kitchen furniture, bedding and clothing - in short, all that I possess for their benefit. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said **son-in-law Thomas Gillenwater** Executor of this my last Will and Testament and request the County Court of Hawkins County not to require him to give bond and security as is usual, having confidence in the said **Thomas** that he will act faithfully in the matter. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal and acknowledged this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the following witnesses:

Test: **Elijah C. Gillenwaters Joel C. Gillenwaters David Molsbee**

WILL OF WILLIAM GILLENWATERS

Page 230 Dated: October 25, 1856 Proven Jan. Term, 1857 (Proven 5-Jan 1857, Rec'd P.5)

In the Name of God, Amen - I give my body to the mother dust and my immortal soul to God who gave it. The first. I wish to be buried in a Christian manner. Second. I wish my burial expense paid out of my Estate. Third. I will to my beloved **wife Sally** her lifetime all my property and one half of my plantation I bought in the **State of Kentucky in Monroe Co. of James B. Tommas**, and the half belongs to my beloved **son George** in the partnership purchase, and at my death and my beloved **wife Sally**, I give him the whole of my plantation to my **son George**, and I bind him in this my will to pay my beloved **daughter Lucritia Wax** the sum of \$400.00 in cash. Also, to pay my **daughter Malvinia King** \$100.00 in cash, to be paid in two years after my death & my **wife Sally**.

Also I give all the money I have on hand to my **son George** to lift my bond from **James B. Tommas** for the above tract of land, and my personal property to be sole at my death and my beloved wife, and to be equally divided between my children. I also bind my **son George** to pay all my just debts. In testimony given under my hand and seal This 25th day of October, 1856.

In presence of us,

Test: **Elijah C. Gillenwaters A. Carmichael**

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