

## **Will of Anthony Clark, Rutherford County, Tennessee**

In the name of God, Amen. I, Anthony Clark, of Rutherford County, Tennessee, being weak in body but sound of mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, to allow my boddy to be buried in a decent Christian like manner, afterwards I allow my just debts to be paid.

First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Susannah Clark, all of the household furniture, also, one cow and calf, except two feather beds and furniture, and one cow and heifer such as she will choose out of the stock, also my large Bible, and her living on the plantation her lifetime, or so long as she remains a widow.

I do also give and bequeath to my son William Clark the one half of my plantation whereon I know live, also, the sorrel mare colt, and the one half of the farming youtenshils and the two thirds of the stock and movable property of every kind that has not been heretofore nor hereafter otherwise disposed of.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Walter Clark the other half of my plantation, whereon I know live, also one yoke of work oxen and one half of the farming youtenshils. The work oxen is to remain on the plantation till the present crop of corn is gathered. Also, one third of the stock and movable property of every kind that has not been heretofore nor hereafter disposed of.

The plantation to be divided according to quality and quantity betwixt them both by my sons John Clark, James Clark, Robert Clark and Anthony Clark.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Frankey Clark one feather bed and furniture. Also, one cow and calf. Likewise, William Clark is to pay Frankey Clark fifty dollars in some good trade at cash price when she comes of age or marries.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Clark one feather bed and furniture. Also one cow and calf. Likewise, Walter Clark is to pay Sarah fifty dollars in some good trade at cash price when she come of age or gets married.

Also I allow my beloved wife, Susannah Clark my sorrel mare and she is to be kept on the plantation for the benefit of the family in the care of my son, William Clark.

Also, I allow all my books to be divided among my four children Frankey Clark, William Clark, Walter Clark and Sarah Clark.

I also bequeath to my sons and sons in law John Clark, James Clark, Robert Clark, Anthony Clark, William McClure, James Glen, Robert Bigham, and John Stephenson, one dollar each.

I do constitute make and ordain John Clark, James Clark, Robert Clark and Anthony Clark the sole executors of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

Signed sealed and acknoliged

Anthony Clark (signature) (seal)

In the presence of us the last will

And testament of the Anthony Clark

John Clark

Robert Bigham

In the name of God amen I Anthony Clark of Hutterston County Tennessee  
State, being weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, Pledge be  
Almighty God for the same, do make & publish this my last will & testam-  
-ent in manner & form following that is to say I allow my body to be  
buried a decent Christian-like manner, afterwards I allow all my just  
debts to be paid,

First I ~~also~~ give & bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Susanna  
Clark, ~~and~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~the~~ of the household furniture except ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~brother~~  
beds & furniture, also one cow & calf & heifer such as she will chose  
out of the stock also my large bible & her living on the plantation  
her lifetime or so long as she remains a Widow.

I do also give & bequeath unto my Son William, Clark the one half  
of my plantation where on I know live also the barrel mares left  
& the one half of the Farming youtenches & the ~~two thirds~~ <sup>two thirds</sup> of the stock  
& moveable property of every kind that has not been heretofore nor  
hereafter otherwise disposed of.

I also gave & bequeath unto my Son Walter, Clark the other half of my  
plantation where on I know live also one yoke of work oxen  
& one half of the Farming youtenches, the work oxen is to remain  
on the plantation till the present crop of corn is gathered also one  
third of the stock & moveable property of every kind that has not  
been heretofore nor hereafter otherwise disposed of.

The plantation to be divided according to quality & quantity between  
them both by my Sons John, Clark, James, Clark, Robert, Clark  
& Anthony, Clark,

I also gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Franky Clark  
one feather bed & Furniture also one cow & calf likewise  
William Clark is to pay Franky, Clark fifty Dollars in  
some good trade at cash price when she comes of age or  
married,

I also gave & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah, Clark one  
feather bed & furniture also one cow & calf likewise, Walter  
Clark is to pay Sarah, Clark fifty Dollars in some good  
trade at cash price when she comes of age or gets married  
also I allow my beloved wife Susanna Clark my barrel mare  
& she is to be <sup>kept</sup> on the plantation for the benefit of the Family  
in the care of my son William Clark

also I allow all my books to be divided amongst my four  
children Franky Clark William Clark Walter Clark

I also bequeeth unto my sons & sons in law John Clark, James  
Clark Robert Clark Anthony Clark William McClure  
James Glenn Robert Bigham & John Stephensons

~~I do also~~ one dollar each

I do also constitute make & ordaine John Clark James  
Clark Robert Clark & Anthony Clark the sole Executors  
of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
& twenty six

Signed sealed & Acknowledged ~~At~~ Anthony Clark Seal  
in the presents of us the last Anthony Clark  
Will & Testament of the S<sup>d</sup>  
Anthony Clark

John Clark

Robert Bigham Just

State of Tennessee,  
Rutherford county, County Court: October term, 1827

The execution of the foregoing last will and testament  
of Anthony Clark deceased, was duly proven in open  
Court at the above term by the oath of Robert Bigham,  
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be  
recorded—  
John R. Loughlin, Ck.