

# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JONATHAN POE

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## Jonathan Poe Will

In the name of God Amen. I Jonathan Poe of Rutherford County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory though weak of body, do make this my Last Will and Testament as followith in the first place I give up my soul to God and my body to be buried in a decent Manner, in the neat place. I will and bequeath and hereby request that a certain Mulatto boy named James about eighteen years of age shall be free and emancipated from me after my death and that of my wife Tabitha Poe and request and require that the same may be done according to law as he has been a faithful and obedient boy to her and me, and that he could and will behave himself honestly. I likewise will to my son, Rhodin Poe, John Poe, George Poe and Mary Rausen Poe, daughter, each one dollar. Next and lastly, I will and bequeath to my loving wife Tabitha Poe all my stock of every kind with all my household and kitchen (??) furniture and farming utensils of every kind with all debts, dues, and demands due and owing to me subject to the legacies above and the payment of my just debts and the costs to be payed in my funeral rights and the emancipation of James, with all the rights and privileges and emoluments of the land whereon we now live as we now hold the same. I likewise nominate and appoint as my Executors to carry this my last will into effect, Joseph Lannum of Wilson County and Nathan Lannum of Rutherford County. In testimony whereof I the said Jonathan Poe hath hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1816.

In presence of  
Wm Nash Uurat (?)  
John Arnold

Jonathan Poe  
(X)  
Seal

State of Tennessee)  
Rutherfod County) Court June Term 1818

The Execution of the foregoing will of Jonathan Poe was proven by William Nash subscribing ?? thereto, and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Testa Blackman Coliman  
Clerk of said Court