

ANDREW FOX

Andrew Fox was drafted as a Private in the local Militia at Chesterfield Court House in Virginia on March 9, 1781. His physical description is given as age 35 years, 5'3" tall, with hair, eyes and complexion, dark. Andrew's occupation is given as "Planter", who resides in Culpeper, Virginia. He was to serve for one year and six months. This document is found in the State Library of Virginia.

Andrew, was born in England. At the age of 16, he was convicted of stealing £9.3s and a tobacco box from Edward Gutteridge and was tried on 3 August 1772. Being a convicted criminal, Andrew was bonded to America in September 1772. The British government paid shipping contractors to take convicts to the colonies. The convict was thus "bound" to the shipper in the form of labor, like slaves, "contracted" or "bound" for the length of their conviction, seven years in Andrew's case. After his period of indenture expired, he settled in Culpeper County, Virginia. When and where he married is not known, but his wife is believed to be Sarah Render.

After the War, Andrew purchased a North Carolina Land Grant #2499 for 300 acres located "on the Southside of Chucky" in what would later become Greene County, Tennessee. This land was located in Horse Creek Valley. Andrew's Will was probated on November 28, 1819. Andrew and Sarah Fox are surely buried in the old Fox Cemetery on Andrew's farm. His widow, Sarah, is found in the 1830 Greene County census, age 70-79, but not in 1840.

WILL OF ANDREW FOX

In the Name of God Amen

This twenty Eight day of November One thousand Eight hundred and nineteen I Andrew Fox of the State of Tennessee And County of Greene being very Weak in body, but of Sound and perfect mind and Memory, blessed to Almighty God for the Same .. do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in the manner and form following (that is to Say) First of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and Christian Like manner at the discretion of my Executor and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of the Same in the following manner (to wit) It is my will and I do Order that all My Just debt and funeral Expence be paid and Satisfied

First I give and bequeath Unto my beloved wife Sary My plantation that I now Live On So long as She remains My widow together with all My crop with full possession of all My houses and all my household furniture and Stock of Cattle and also She is to have her choice of one horse beast out of my Stock of horses, as to my Stock of hogs I leave to my wife for the use and Support of my familey, and as to my farming toolls I will them to the care of my wife for the use of the plantation together with my Waggon and Geers and as to my Stock of Sheep my wife is at Liberty to make use of them as She thinks proper. I also give and bequeath Unto my beloved wife during her natural Life, my Negro Girl Narri and her child Let, I give and bequeath Unto my two Sons Andrew and Henry and their heirs forever all My Lands which is to be Equally divided in Va and to the Best advantage for boath, My Executor herein after mentioned is to devide Said Lands or cause it to be done, and my Son Andrew is to have the far part next Barnharts and my Son Henry is to have the part next the River, And all the Before mentioned

property that I willed to my wife..at her death is to be Sold and the Money to be Eaually divided amongst all my childring Or their heirs..I give to my Son Andrew my horse Caled Sorrel. I give to my Son Henry my Bay [mare] Caled Gin. And Lastley as to all the Rest, Residue and remainder of my personal Estate, goods and chattles of what Kind and nature Soever not heretofore disposed of in this my will is to be Sold amediately after my death and the money arising from the Sale together with all my money that is Loaned Out on Interest when collected is to be Equally devided by my Executor amongst all my Sons and daughters (viz) my Son Jesse Fox, Jacob Fox, Ezekle Fox, Lewis Fox, James Fox Isaac Fox, Andrew Fox and Henry Fox and my Daughters Elizabeth Howel Nancey Johnston and Polly Broyles, And I do make and Ordain constitute and appoint Henry Earnest my sole Executor of this my Last will and Testament, hereby Revoking all former wills by me made ratifying allowing and Confirming this and this Only to be my Last Will and Testament In testimoney whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day First above written, no security required of my Executor. Signed Sealed published Andrew Fox {Seal}and delivered by the Said Andrew Fox to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Dan. Guin Abraham G. Feller Henry Earnest qualified as executor pd