

## Knox County Wills & Estate Settlements **Database Information/Key**

This Knox County **Wills & Estate Settlements** compilation combines the entries from the *Knox County Estate Settlement Books* (referred to in this index as *Administrative Settlements*) for the years 1792–1929 with the *Will Book* entries for the years 1874–1939. From 1792–1874, the Clerk maintained only one series of books in which all Wills and Settlements were entered. Beginning in 1874, the Clerk separated the two types of entries into two separate series, the Settlements continuing in the original series of books and the Wills entered in a new series of books called *Will Books*. This is important to understand because prior to this 1874 separation, Wills, if they exist, will be found in the *Estate Settlement Books (Administrative Settlement)* mixed amongst the settlement entries while after this period, you will only find them in the *Will Books*.

It is also important to note that the Wills may or may not be noted as such in the indexes prior to 1874. The group indexing these entries did not consistently note which entries in the *Estate/Administrative Settlement Books* were Wills as compared to Settlement entries so the user must visually check to verify if an entry contains a Will or not if not otherwise noted in the index.

<u>Book Type</u>	<u>Period covered</u>
Estate/Administrative Settlements	1792–1929
Wills	1792–1939

### **KEY TO COLUMN HEADINGS**

Surname:	Family name of individual/group
Given Name:	First and possibly middle names (initials) of the individual
Record Type:	E=Estate Settlement, W=Will, G=Guardianship, M=Minor, T=Trusteeship, A=Assignment/Assignee
Date:	Year or year range of entry
Book Type:	AS = Estate/Administrative Settlement Book WB = Will Book
Volume:	Book number
Pages:	Page listings
Notes:	May include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name of the Executor/Executrix [Exec/Exrx] or Administrator/Adminstratrix [Admr/Admx]</li><li>• Name of the deceased if the person is the estates Executor/Administrator</li><li>• Name of Guardian [Gdn] or Minor</li><li>• Trust Company</li><li>• Assignment/Assignee of a company's assets</li><li>• Miscellaneous comments</li></ul>