

CHAP. 294. by the joint deed of the husband and wife, executed, proved and recorded agreeably to the laws now in force in regard to the conveyance of real estate of feme coverts and not otherwise.

Wife may make a will, &c.  
Provisoos.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That a wife shall have a right to make a will and give all her property or any part thereof to her husband, and to other persons with the consent of the husband subscribed to said will; *provided always*, that the wife shall have been privately examined by the witnesses to her will, apart and out of the presence and hearing of her husband, whether she doth make the same will freely and voluntarily and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by said husband, and says she does it willingly and freely; *provided* that no will under this act shall be valid unless made at least sixty days before the death of the testatrix.

Husband to have slaves recorded.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be the duty of every man whose wife shall have either property in slaves in possession, or shall receive the same in any way provided by this act, to record the same, their names and ages upon the records of counties in which he may reside.

Married woman earning \$1000 may hold it for her own use.  
Proviso.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That any married woman who by her skill, industry or personal labour, shall hereafter earn any money or other property, real personal or mixed to the value of one thousand dollars or less, shall and may hold the same and the fruits, increase and profits thereof, to her sole and separate use with power as a feme sole to invest and re-invest, and sell and dispose of the same; *provided*, that such money or property shall be liable for the payment of any claim or debt incurred by such married woman, and be liable to be proceeded against by attachment from the county court to compel such payment upon petition and proof of claim according to the circumstances of each case, according to the course of the attachment law.

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CHAPTER 294.

Passed March 10, 1843. *An act entitled, An act declaratory of the act of the General Assembly, passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-five.*

Preamble. **WHEREAS** it appears to the general assembly that doubts are entertained as to the true construction of the act of the