

State of Tennessee & the last Will and Testament of John Thompson
 Franklin County I John Thompson of the State and County aforesaid
 being of sound and disposing mind and
 memory and knowing that all men are born to die and after
 death to be judged and knowing my worldly estate it
 has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of the same in
 the following manner that is to say I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca Thompson the
 mansion house where I now live with one hundred
 and seventy Acres of land to be laid out off of the North
 end of said tract and the benefit of said Tract of land
 or so much thereof as may be necessary is to be applied
 to the Education and maintenance of my four youngest
 Children to wit Hannah E. Thompson Elizabeth P. Thompson
 Emmeline Jane Thompson and John Andrew Thompson until
 they each arrive to the age of sixteen years and my said
 Wife is to have and enjoy the Tract of land aforesaid for
 and during her natural life with exception of one acre and
 then to be divided to my two youngest daughters in the
 way I may hereafter point out I also give and bequeath
 unto my beloved wife during her lifetime the two following
 negroes Kate a woman and Pleasant a man. Item 2nd
 I give and bequeath unto my son James Thompson a part of
 the tract of land I bought of Robert Blackwood to commence
 at a red oak marked as a corner on the side of a spring of
 Cumberland Mountain and running thence a direct line to
 strike the corner of the Patton patch fence just above
 Benjamin Jacobway's house thence with the big road to
 a sandstone E. Pattons line thence South with said Pattons
 line to a stake by the old Methodist meeting house thence
 west with J. McCreary line to a red Oak Corner William
 Bosticks corner thence North with Bosticks line as far
 as a line due East will strike the beginning corner.
 I also give and bequeath my said son James one negro
 woman named Rebecca and three 3rd I will and bequeath
 unto my daughter Peggy Jacobway and her heirs all the
 balance of the Tract of land that I purchased of Robert
 Blackwood I also will and bequeath unto my said
 daughter Peggy Jacobway and the heirs of her body one negro
 woman named Nancy and her increase and I also will
 her all that I have charged her with in a bond of acquittance
 which I have kept for the purpose of securing my
 Children equal in the distribution of my estate which
 said negro and increase is to be kept for safe keeping
 in the hands of my Executors for her life and the
 use of the third of her body. Item 4th I will and bequeath unto
 my son Isaac Thompson and my son William Thompson and my
 daughter Hannah E. Thompson the Tract of land I purchased of

Lower Township in the following manner to be divided into 2 or
equal tracts by running the line East and West my son Isaac
is to have the tract on the South and adjoining Benjamin Smith
my son William is to have the tract adjoining my son Isaac
my daughter Hannah E is to have the upper tract adjoining
the heirs of Phosphor Hamilton the above tract of land is to
be valued by good men and those of my children aforesaid having
the most valuable tract shall pay over the amount in money
to those having the least valuable so as to make them all three equal
to them and their heirs forever I also will and bequeath unto my son
Isaac Thelerson one negro man named Thomas then 5th
I will and bequeath unto my son William Thelerson one negro
man named Larkin also money enough to buy him a good saddle
and bridle then 6th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah
E Thelerson and the heirs of her body one negro girl named Lucinda
and her increase also money enough to buy her a good saddle
and bridle the said negro girl Lucinda and her increase is to
be under the management and control of my Executors for her
use and the use of the heirs of her body. Item 7th I will and bequeath
unto my two daughters Elizabeth Thelerson and Emeline Jane
Thelerson after the death of their Mother the tract of land which
I willed her a life estate in to be equally divided between them
shore and shore also to their heirs forever I will and bequeath
unto my two said two daughters and the heirs of their body the
two following negroes Hannah a woman and Jacob a boy with
their increase and also after the death of their Mother the two
negroes I left her a life estate in to wit Cate a woman and Pleasant
a man and their increase which is in like manner left to them
and the heirs of their body and the negroes aforesaid with their increase
is to be under the care and management of my Executors for the
use of my said daughters during their life time and then to
devise to the heirs of their body. Item 8th I will and bequeath
unto my son John Andrew Thelerson all the remaining part of my
tract of land which I have not willed to my wife and two
daughters Elizabeth & Emeline Jane lying the North end of
said tract also all that tract of land I purchased of Samuel
Hale which adjoins William Bartles also one negro woman named
George and money enough to buy him a good saddle and bridle
when he arrives at the age of 10 years then 9th I will and
bequeath unto my negro woman it is my wish after my death that she be
free but in case she becomes infirm and not able to earn a
support by labor it is also my wish that my Executors provide
her a reasonable support out of my estate during her life time.
Item 10th It is my wish and desire that all negroes left to the heirs
except my son James and James's be kept together on my plantation
and worked until James's 18 3/4 or until the crops is gathered
and that my son Isaac Thelerson attend to them and that he draw one
year at a time with the rest of the hands for his services and that the

Crops when made is to be applied to the support of my family and
 the payment of my just debts also I wish and desire that the
 tract of land I purchased of Lewis Lomaha be divided into two equal
 or equal the first January 1833 and the profits applied to the payment
 of my debts and the support of my family Item 11th It is my will
 and desire that four of the choice horses six cows and calves all my
 flock of sheep and all my stock of hogs except twenty of the longest
 spared sows and boars which I wish my Executors to garden
 and sell to keep on my plantation for the use and support of my
 family until my son Isaac Thiersinson gathers the last crop
 requested in this will and my Executors shall have full
 power after said time to sell off any part of my estate which
 is not wanting for the support of my family leaving at all
 times a sufficient for their support which is all to be
 repeated whenever circumstances may require it and the profits
 applied to the use and benefit of my family I also wish the
 balance of my stock of horses cows oxen and my arad
 wagon sold immediately after my decease on a credit of
 twelve months and the money applied to the payment of my
 just debts Item 12th It is my will and desire that my
 present crop be sold by my Executors after leaving a support
 for my family and the money applied to the payment of just
 debts and if any money should be left after the payment
 of my debts it is my will that each child as they come of age
 shall each draw a proportionate part Item 13th I will and
 bequeath unto my beloved wife all my household and
 kitchen furniture to be distributed in the following manner
 that is to say she is to give to each one of my children as
 they arrive to the age of twenty one years or get married
 each equal share of my household furniture as there make
 them equal to Peggy Jackson which is charged to her by me
 in a bond kept for that purpose I also will to my beloved
 wife all my farming tools of every description Item 14th
 It is my will that my co'sin for the and remain on my
 plantation until May 1833 for the use of my family and
 then he sold by my Executors and the proceeds applied to the
 payment of my debts and the use of my family Item 15th
 I do hereby commit the raising and schooling and care of my
 five youngest children that is to say William Hammett
 Elizabeth P. Hammett Jane and John Andrew Thiersinson to my beloved
 wife Eleanor until they arrive to the age of twenty years each
 and I do hereby further declare that the expense for the maintenance
 and education of my five said children until they attain the
 age aforesaid shall be paid and borne by my said wife and
 out of the monies and estate given and bequeathed to her in and
 by this my will Item 16th I give my negro ^{child} ~~man~~ ^{and} ~~and~~
 I do hereby order and appoint that if any difference dispute
 question or controversy shall be moved arise or happen concerning

any gift bequest matter or thing in this my will given and bequeathed expressed or contained that there no suit suits in law or Equity or otherwise shall be brought commenced or prosecuted for and concerning the same shall be referred wholly to the award of three good men chosen by the Chancery of the Family Court and what they shall order direct or determine therein shall be binding and conclusive to all and every person therein concerned him by and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my three eldest sons James Thierman Isaac Thierman William Thierman and my brother in law Isaac Miller son of Rutherford County Executors to this my last will and Testament giving them my Executors the guardianship of the property of my first youngest children named in this will and it is my wish and desire that any two of the subscribing witnesses making oath in open Court shall be sufficient evidence to prove this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made signed sealed published and declared by the above named John Thierman to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have heretofore subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator this Tenth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty.

John Thierman Jurat W. J. Floyd } John Thierman Seal
 John Jones Jurat William Thierman

State of Tennessee } County Court November Term 1830
 Transylvania County } Then the foregoing last will and Testament of John Thierman died was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of John Jones and John Thierman subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Given under my hand at office this 22nd day of November 1830

E. Russell clk
 Recorded in my office this 7 of January 1831
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I James Harris of Transylvania County and State of Tennessee being to record the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for a time once to die and it being my desire that the said will might be as respect my worldly affairs I have constituted and ordained this to be my last will and Testament and it is my will and desire that my property and effects be disposed of in the following manner my I bequeath to my dear wife Susan at the plantation on which I now live estimated two hundred and thirty acres with all the negroes now in my possession also all my coming interests and tools of my dear wife Susan also all my household furniture and kitchen appointments with all my stock of horses