TIGHT BINDING

Alexander M. Nelson Will

In the name of God Amen

I Alexander M Nelson Lately of Gonzalez in the County of Gonzalez and State of Tennessee now of Washington County and State aforesaid being in good health & in expectation of shortly being called to this world and all its enjoyments but happily my mind & Memory as yet unimpaired do make & ordain this as my last will & Testament — In the first place I give & bequeath to my dear wife Pamelia H Nelson all my live Stock also all my household & Kitchen furniture & Books with this proviso that when our two children Nancy Nelson and Alexander Nelson shall become of age My dear wife shall be bound to furnish each of them with One third of such household & Kitchen furniture and Books or the value thereof to be estimated by my executors hereafter to be named — I also give and bequeath unto my dear wife One third part of the interest arising from Moneys belonging to my estate that may be loaned out by my executors together with such further sums of Interest as my executors may deem a sufficient compensation for the maintenance & support of our dear children — I also give and bequeath unto my dear wife the services of My Negro Girl Phillis until she Phillis shall arrive at the age of thirty five years at which time it is my will that she be set free and should she have any Children during that period that they be set free the Male when they arrive at the age of thirty years and the females at twenty seven years of age. I also give and bequeath unto my dear wife at such time as our dear Children may become of age One third part of the principal of the sum of Money which my executors may have at interest belonging to my estate I likewise give & bequeath unto my dear daughter Nancy Nelson One third part of the interest arising from the moneys to be loaned by my executors who are to appropriate such part of said interest or the whole third if they find it necessary for her support & Maintenance. I likewise give & bequeath to her when she shall become of age One third part of such sums of Money as my executors may have at interest belonging to my estate and one third part of such Books household and Kitchen furniture as may then be on hand — It is also my will that the house & lot where I now live in Gonzalez be sold by my executors as soon as they can dispose of it to advantage for bonds or notes well secured bearing interest or for prompt payment and in the event of their not selling it then to rent it for the benefit of my estate — It is my will that my executors collect my small accounts as soon as possible or any of the notes which I leave which they may think it prudent to collect & all Moneys collected in this way and what may be added for the sale of my house & lot should it be sold it is my will that it be loaned to safe hands and the interest collected annually or semi annually if it should be thought necessary and if my executors can discover no way more profitable of vesting money that they then continue to loan it until my Children become of age except such sums as my executors may think necessary to be appropriated for future expenses for my dear wife and Children — In the event of the decease of my dear wife previous to my Children becoming of age it is my will that all Money or property belonging to my estate be equally divided between my children before named when they shall become of age and in the event before mentioned I do my will that my executors have the sole Controul and Management of my Children until as aforesaid the years of their minority

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that if in the opinion of my executors any of the personal property belonging to my estate should be likely to waste or in any way become unprofitable to my estate then & in that case my executors may in their discretion dispose of the same to the best advantage of the legatees —

And lastly I appoint my friend Valentine Sevier of Greene County and my Brother John Nelson & Mathew Stephenson of Washington County executors of this My last will and testament and without requiring any security of them and hereby revoking & disannulling all other wills by me made — in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 17th day of December 1821. Signed sealed and declared to be the last will & Testament of the Testator in the presence of

Alex M Nelson (Seal)

Ewing McClure
John D Herrick

The foregoing will was proven in Open court by the oaths of Ewing McClure & Elbridge L Mathes — Elbridge L Mathes two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at January Sessions 1822 & recorded. John Nelson & Mathew Stephenson qualified as executors to the foregoing will

Joseph Young Will

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Young of Washington County & State of Tennessee being in a declining state of health but of sound mind & disposing Memory and considering the Mortality of the human nature that it is appointed for all men once to die do Make Ordain and Publish this my last will and testament that is to say in the first place I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be named and as touching such worldly goods that it has pleased God to bless me with after my funeral all my debts are duly paid & funeral expenses are discharged I give & bequeath unto my wife between one third of my Negroes & bequeath unto my wife between one third of my Negroes & other Stock of horses all the household & Kitchen furniture to do with and dispose of as she pleases also the house & lot I live on during her life or widowhood I also give unto my beloved wife the remainder of my Negroes after there is a sufficient made to my daughters Nancy Peggy & Elizabeth equal to the amount of the negroes and other property the eldest daughter Polly has got. I give devise & bequeath unto my daughter Polly wife of Samuel L Love four hundred & fifty acres of land Beginning at the north west corner of my tract of land of three hundred acres running with the old line near Daniel Bayles fence near the same line south to a white oak corner of my tract and forty acres east at the south west end to two white oak saplings thence north eighty degrees east to a hickory sapling thence along James Youngs line to a corner of a twenty five acre tract then the same course about twenty or thirty poles further (as the case may be) thence north running among the said 640 acre tract and through the said 300 acre tract so as not to interfere with any part of the fence erected about the dwelling which I give & devise to her the said Polly during her natural life and then to inure to her lawful heirs for ever —

I give & devise & bequeath unto my daughter Nancy wife of Jonathan Dingle to her & her heirs for ever a tract of land Beginning at Reuben Bayles north west corner running with thirty poles thence south sixteen degrees east so as to leave the whole oak field on the west side running a straight course to the south line — I give & bequeath the remainder of my land lying between my daughters Polly's land and my daughter Nancy's land to be equally divided between my two daughters Peggy & Elizabeth — I give for ever and Elizabeth to have the upper end of said land where I now live [illegible]