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Gladwin In the name of God Amen  
Blackburn County 3 Mile Potts of the County and State  
of said calling to mind the frailty of the human  
Destiny and knowing that it has been appointed for all  
men Once to die in consideration of which have thought  
proper while I am in possession of a rational mind to  
make such disposition of the goods of this life as it has  
pleased God to bless me with in the manner hereinafter  
following,

1. I desire that my Just debts be paid  
2. I desire that my property as it now stands my  
farm house hold and kitchen furniture stock  
of all kinds with the crop on hands and the following  
Negroes Peter Lydia Mischack Anthony Leah and  
her child Allen Jackson and her increase shall  
remain as it now ~~stands~~ does for the use and  
benefit of my wife Mary Potts during her natural  
life or widowhood

3<sup>rd</sup> At the death a marriage I desire that the above  
mentioned property shall be divided between my  
children Moses Potts Eliza Harris William  
Simmons William Anderson Thomas Potts and  
Thomas Henderson and the offspring of Alexander  
Potts in the manner hereinafter directed

4<sup>th</sup> I desire that in the event of the marriage  
of my wife and the distribution of the above  
named property should be made in conformity  
with the preceding section then I direct that for  
the benefit and convenience of my wife she shall  
receive a child's part of the above specified property  
subject to her use and control until her death  
at and after which time I desire that the said child's  
part of property so received by her shall revert to  
my estate and be equally divided among my  
above named children

5 I further desire that all my above named  
children shall receive an equal part with

my wife Mary Potts except Claiton Harris  
who shall receive three hundred dollars less  
which said amount of three hundred dollars  
deducted from his amount of said estate I direct  
to be equally divided between the orphans of  
my late and son Alexander Potts

6. I desire that when the distribution of my above  
named property shall be made that three and in that  
case a majority of the legates shall have the right to  
determine whether by lottery or sale the same shall  
be effected

7. I further desire and direct my executor that if  
in consequence of any refractory conduct of any  
Slave or Slaves that I have placed in the possession  
and care of my wife for her benefit during care  
of the same if the conduct of such Slave be such as  
is not likely to insure or fulfil my wish I empower  
my executor to act in such manner as by Law  
or otherwise to carry my wishes into effect  
and lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved  
sons Moses & Thomas Potts executor to this my  
last Will & Testament revoking all others, cloth-  
ing them with all authority that a father request  
and the sanction of this instrument under the  
law to execute this my last desire so as to over look  
with that amount of property that I have been  
enabled to leave you so as to relieve your Mother  
from care and anxiety and make it profit-  
able to you and the other legates in compliance with  
this last request you will cheerfully fulfil the wish  
of him who has hereto affixed his hand & seal  
28th December 1836

M. T. Nichols  
D. M. Piers  
Edw. M. Mosbaw

M. Potts Esq

Gordon Court of ordinary for January  
Jackson County 3<sup>rd</sup> Term 1837

The within last will & Testament of William  
Potts has been duly proven at this regular  
Term in open Court upon oaths of Messrs J. C.  
Wilkins David M. Burns and Lucius M. Mosh-  
-am & do that the same be admitted to record  
Esylorus Riplely C. C. C.

Recorded the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1837

Esylorus Riplely C. C. C.

Gordon I Samuel King Son of the State  
Jackson County 3<sup>rd</sup> County of said being old  
but in perfect mind & memory knowing that it is  
appointed for all men once to die do hereby constitute  
this my last will and Testament

And first all it is my will that my body may  
be decently buried & secondly as to my property  
it is my will that all my just debts be paid  
and thirdly it is my will that my dear wife  
Mary King shall have my ~~key~~ <sup>key</sup> near Saddle & Bridle  
& as much of the house hold furniture & trichuan  
as she may choose for her own use and eight hund-  
red dollars in money which is to be paid out of  
the sale of my property or otherwise which I leave  
is to be at her disposal as is the other property  
Will & her

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my beloved daughter  
Jane Luekin shall have five dollars <sup>of my estate</sup> in money &  
5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my beloved daughter Mary  
Robertson shall have five dollars in money out of my estate  
6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my beloved daughter Ann Parrott  
shall have five dollars in money made out of my -