

Davis
James

our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four. It is my will that James Davis execute this my last will & testament sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of James Davis in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have witnessed the same.

William H. Davis
William Johnson

Duncan
Joseph

I Joseph Duncan of Blount County being of sound mind, memory and manhood do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Duncan the plantation on which I now reside, and my black boy Ben during his life, and his death it is my will that he should be free, provided he continues to be a good and obedient servant to her during her said time. It is also my will that my wife Sarah have all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, any money I may be entitled to from bond and bill due her, and all other real and personal estate during her lifetime, and at her decease it is my will that my executors herein after named shall exercise to build up the said time and time with all such property to or every child as may be in mind and devise the same equally between, Sarah Campbell, Elizabeth Dorsey, Robert Duncan, Elizabeth M. Duncan, Ann McLean and Polly Rogers, to the said Sarah I have some negroes and some equal to the person she has first married in a slave. I just left of and by Joseph Robert Duncan and others Executors of this my last will and testament, do hereby certify that I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of November 1836.

Joseph Duncan

signed sealed published and declared by the above Joseph Duncan to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Edmund Wagoner
John Wagoner

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In the name of God Amen. This day 2nd of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty six, I James Duncan son of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee, being full of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make my last will and testament, and first when it shall please God to remove me hence, I will and bequeath my soul to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently interred, and secondly my worldly estate both real and personal I will and bequeath in the following manner to wit, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Duncan the use of the farm on which I now reside and also the use of so much of two tracts of land as belongs to me in Blount County Tennessee, made by myself as beneficiary and Eli Pritchard, I also will and bequeath her for and her natural life time (provided she is not married again) the use of my personal

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property for the support of herself and children. And in the event of her marrying again I will and bequeath her a portion of the personal property equal in value to the dowry of any of my children herein after to be provided. I do further will and bequeath that my executor hereafter to be named endeavor to pay my just debts by the product of the farm, and as well as bequeath to my son James Duncan the share of my personal property which I have already given him. I do further will and bequeath, to each of my children, following and to wit: William M. Duncan, James S. Duncan, James M. Duncan, Elizabeth A. Duncan, David Duncan, Martha Ann Duncan, John Duncan, and George W. Duncan, a horse, saddle and bridle, one bed and one cow, to be raised out of the product of the farm and given to each as soon as practicable after his or her marriage or as soon as practicable after he or she may become of age. Provided nevertheless that at the option of my wife Mary Duncan and for the support of herself and the remaining children they be always retained on the farm, for so long as they can. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Duncan my real estate that after the death of my wife Mary Duncan my real estate to be equally divided among my four married sons and three daughters or their heirs. But if the youngest child shall not be of age at my wife's death, then he or she shall be entitled to the interest or product of equal share annually, to be paid to him or her, support and education by the executors herein after appointed. I do further will and bequeath that if at the death of my wife, then by my personal property brought to give all the children the above said dowry or an equivalent in value to be estimated by the executors, shall be made up to him or her out of the real estate or its products, besides an equal division of the real estate with the others who may have received their dowry. I do further will and bequeath that if my wife Mary Duncan wishes to remain with her family to a place where she may think she will obtain better opportunities of a religious education for her children, the executors herein after appointed may sell all the land and personal estate and in the place she chooses to the amount for which my real estate here may have sold. I do further will and bequeath that whatever personal property remains after the foregoing my wife's death, dowry of each of the above named children shall be at the absolute disposal of my wife Mary Duncan provided she is not married again. I do hereby certify and appoint my brother Andrew Duncan son and John M. Duncan my executors, to carry my foregoing will into effect. And do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other as my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal the day and year first written, signed, sealed, published &c. declared to be the last will and testament of the above named J. Duncan in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same. A.B. It is hereby understood that William Duncan has received his share of my personal estate or before the signing of these presents and James M. Duncan has received a horse, saddle and bridle out of his share. James Duncan