

Shanks
Holden

the farming utensils that now belongs to the farm after his
paying all my past debts and giving my wife Jane and
my two daughters Peggy and Sally a sufficient support of
the benefits of said land while they remain unmarried on
the place and by said Adam he is bound to fulfill the
indenture of I give & give now self said Adam fulfill
his part. 2^d I give and bequeath to my wife Jane
Shanks the log cabin and six salt and the cattle
hogs and sheep and household furniture during her
natural life and after her death to be equally divid-
ed betwixt my daughters Peggy and Sally - 3^d and my
desire is that my executors John Parsonson and John
Duglar Exors and will as the law directs be witnesses
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the
17th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty one. Holden Shanks
Signed Sealed and published
and declared to be the last will
and testament of the above named Holden Shanks
in presence of us and in his presence have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.
As B Wth Wilson pd
Robert Parsons
James K Duncan for

Smith
John

I John Smith of the County of Blount and State of
Tennessee do hereby make my last will and testament
in presence and form following that is 1st I deem that
all my real and personal property after my decease
by and remain in the hand of my wife Winifred Smith
for her only use for her to have the full benefit of it
for her life time except my young horse and my saddle
and that I give and bequeath to my brother David
Smith son of John Smith 2^d and of my wife Win-
fred Smith's decease my land and any place and
house I give and bequeath to my brother David Smith
and all my past debts to be paid out of my per-
sonable property - 3^d at my Winifred Smith's decease
the personal property that may be in her hands
she can dispose of as she pleases
4th my wife I bequeath and give to Mary Davis
lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife
Winifred Smith my executrix of this my last will
and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or
testaments by me herebefore made in witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty three
Signed Sealed Published and
declared to be the last will and
testament of the above named John Smith
in presence of us who at his request have in his presence
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same James K Duncan

Snider
Peter

In the name of God Amen. I Peter Snider of the County
of Blount and State of Tennessee being in the 70th year of
my natural life and being of sound disposing and mem-
ory and sensible of the approach of death I have devised it
my duty on this 7th of November in the year of our Lord
1846. To commit To writing this my last will and testament
and first I give and bequeath my soul to ~~God~~ Father and
God of all my sins and wholly to be remembered in
the north - In the second place I give and bequeath
the plantation on which I now live to my son George
on condition that the said George shall give to myself
and my beloved wife Polly a comfortable support
during our natural life - 3^d I do ordain all my per-
sonal property not pertaining to the house to be equally
divided betwixt my three sons Moses B. Robinson
and Newton and 4th I do give and bequeath all
my household and kitchen furniture to be equally di-
vid among my three daughters Rebecca Stephens on
Elizabeth Pluck Humonabel Polly McLaughan's 5th and
last I appoint my sons Moses and George Snider my
executors.
Signed in presence of us Peter Snider
John Ragon
James Walker

Smither
Peter

To all whom these presents may come or be made
known I know ye that I Peter Smither of Blount County
Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and dis-
posing memory and calling to mind the mortality of my
body do make ordain and constitute this my last
will and testament in form and manner following 1st
It is my will that my past debts and funeral expen-
ses be paid out of any money due me by my execu-
tor after my decease 2^d I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Elizabeth Phillips ten dollars to be paid
by my executor out of any money I may have or have
to pay be due to me at my decease - 3^d I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Mary Smither all the
residue and remainder of my estate - 4th I hereby
constitute and appoint Mervin E. Ellis Executor
to this my last will and testament in testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
10th day of September 1823. Peter Smither
Witness present John Coyleson
James Jones
James Jones son of David

Shaw
Francis

To all whom these presents may come or be made
known I know ye that I Francis Shaw of Blount
County Tennessee calling to mind the mortality of
my body do ordain and constitute this my last
will and testament 1st It is my will that my

Shaw
Francis

Slaves Andy and Sally shall in free at my decease as to the residue and remainder of my estate. It is my will that if he divided between my wife, Betsey and all my children as the law directs. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of April 1829.
Proven in Court
Witness present John Coggeson
John Burgessson

Singleton
Rebecca

I Rebecca Singleton do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows I bequeath unto my son James my negro woman named Betsey and my wagon and tools of all description also all of my live stock of all kinds and all of my household furniture except my beds and bed clothing which I have already distributed to give to my son John Eight dollars in money and unto my daughter Caroline Anna Ague Eight dollars in money the balance of my money I divide equally between my three daughters Jane M. Bath, Eliza Reuben and Mary M. Causewell the intent of a note of hand that I hold against R. S. Warner. I give unto my daughter Evaline Warren Durb my son James to collect all debts and distribute the same without any administration or cost of Court published signed and sealed this 5th day of October 1827 before these
Witnesses Mary Gibbs
Mary J. L. Houlder

Thomas
William

State of Alabama Be it remembered that at an Jackson County Ephraim Court began and held at the Court House in the town of Bellfont on the eleventh day of November 1829 for the County of Jackson present the Hon William S. Crampton Judge of the County Court the following order was entered in the minutes of the Orphans Court to wit: Ordered by the Court that citation issue to the heirs of him to William Thomas deceased returnable on the twenty third day of this last requiring them to show cause if any they have or can why a paper purporting to be the nuncupative will of William Thomas should not be admitted to record according to law, that afterwards to wit on the thirteenth day of November 1829 a citation issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court in the words and figures following to wit: State of Alabama to the Sheriff of Jackson County Greeting you are hereby commanded to summon all persons near of kin to Doctor William Thomas if any to be found in your County to be and appear before the Judge of our County Court at the Court House in the town of Bellfont on the twenty third day of this instant and show cause if any they have or can why a paper

Thomas
William

purporting to be the nuncupative will of William Thomas deceased should not be admitted to record according to law, appear fail not and have you then there this citation witness Richard B. Clayton Clerk of our said Court at Office this 11th day of November 1829 and of any cause upon demand the fifth fourth year.
Witness 11th day of November 1829. Upon which is the following undersigned to wit, Rich same day Second

Returned no persons near of kin to the deceased found in my County November 23rd 1829. Remanded. Shiff. And on the 23rd day of November 1829 the following entry and order entered on the minutes of the Orphans Court to wit: — The nuncupative Will of William Thomas deceased was this proven by the casting of Hump, J. C. Cruggs, Reuben A. Smith and Elijah Hensbrough and ordered by the Judge that the same be admitted to record. A. The nuncupative of William Thomas who died in Bellfont on Tuesday evening September 28th 1829. And requested in his last moments the following distribution of his property 1st I give and bequeath unto John Wilkerson all my books and Madison for ever and the use of my ship, and furniture for five years I also desire that John Wilkerson my horse watch and Holston farm, 2nd I give and bequeath unto Martin Mansfield my house and farm forever. 3rd at the expiration of five years for which time I have given my horse and furniture in Mary wife I give and bequeath the said house and furniture to my brothers and Sisters and all other property which may not be otherwise disposed of to be equally divided between them. I wish John M. Gaba and John Wilkerson to be my executors to settle all my business
Witness J. C. Cruggs
J. R. A. Smith
J. H. Hensbrough

State of Alabama Before me Lyman James Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jackson personally appeared Henry J. Cruggs Reuben A. Smith and Elijah Hensbrough and made oath severally that they were present at the house of James Taylor Esq. in the town of Bellfont Alabama where William Thomas as did said, during his last sickness of which sickness the said Thomas died on the 28th day of September 1829 that the said deceased before his death and while he was of a sound mind and disposing memory called upon those officiating to take notice and to bear testimony that it was his wish and will that his property should be disposed of in the manner stated in the annexed nuncupation which was made and read to them before his death and by his Subscribed wanted A. And that John M. Gaba and John Wilkerson