

Bedford
John

his instrument being also his part of the negro family and as I have made a division of the black & white years past to Robert Thomas Alexander, Polly and James & hope each will be satisfied in complying with my judgment in that case as being as equal as I could desire as for child and back to home I have given freedom I hope no one will offer to undo what my conscience told me was my duty of all this have any of color in possession and trust my children will consider it so and follow the footsteps of their father and keep negroes longer than they pay for their raising and release as for the two black girls to Betsy and Sally as their part of the black family then part by living out or keeping bond out or with them in the house for their half in the family if it will be complied with by their husbands to permit it to be so if not to be hired out until the arrive at the age of twenty five years then take out at liberty by the Executors of my estate and by no means to be sold like the brute beast and to my daughter Polly a good horse or more worth eight dollars her bible and saddle already purchased and with the consent of my first wife Eliza I agreeable to them individually I have my negro Sandy to Polly until she arrive to the age of twenty five years then to be set at liberty if she may choose to leave the family if not to remain with them during life otherwise to make her choice to William and Joseph all my horses and and keep for the use of the family and all my just debts to be paid out of that property which will be but trifling as for my old woman Ann who is now at liberty if she may choose to live with the family after my decease to have her living as she has heretofore done without cost by assisting to do what in her power to perform I also constitute my son James Bedford and Robin Dickson Executors of this my last will being confident of their probity and ability to execute and do hereby sign and acknowledge this my last will submitted and had set my hands the date above written in the presence, John Bedford of Robert Dickson proved
J Samuel Dickson

Thompson
David

In the name of God Amen I David Thompson of Blount County and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament I recommend my soul to God that give it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial and as to what worldly property I have blessed God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner following first my wife is that all my just debts be fully paid 2^d I give and bequeath to my wife Anne Thompson full possession of the land and improvement to whom I now live during her natural life and inheritance and at her decease to be and belong to my

Thompson
David

children born or unborn to be equal shares in the same then that him and assigns forever if my wife should marry she is then to have one third share of said land - 2^d I give and bequeath to my wife my household and kitchen furniture 3^d I give and bequeath to my wife one horse best she to have her choice out of my stock the balance of my property including the Cows I have with my executors to dispose of by sale as far as the money will the family can conveniently subsist with out and what is not sold by my executors nor bequeath in this will my wife and children to be equal shares in the same and out of the proceeds of the property sold my just debts to be paid if none is sold then pay my debts that bequeath to be equally divided between my wife and children - 4th as hereby nominate and appoint my wife Anne Thompson and William Mackay Executors and Overseers of this my last will and testament witness my hand and seal this 20th day of November 1815
Signed and Sealed in the presence David Thompson
J David Thompson
J William Mackay

Townsley
George

Now all men by these presents that I George Townsley of the County of Belmont and State of Tennessee being of lawful mind by the infirmities of old age that I shall shortly be called on to pay the last debt of nature but being of a sound mind disposing mind do by these presents make publish and declare this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me heretofore made and first it is my will and desire that at my death my body may be interred in a decent and Christian burial manner by the side of my beloved wife Nancy among our grave 2^d I hereby give and bequeath to my son James Townsley all the land of which I am now seized and possessed that he to say the tract of land on which I now live and during his natural and lawful life in and as jointly owned to me by the State of Tennessee also all of my live stock both horses cattle sheep and hogs and of my household furniture 3^d it is my will that he have my chest and my stone jug 4th it is my will and desire that my son James Townsley and his wife Jane Townsley receive of me my beds and furniture as they think proper - 5th it is my will and desire that he my son James Townsley have the care and charge of me as he has heretofore done as long as I live - 6th it is my will and desire that the balance of my children that is to say Aggy Mary John Townsley and Nancy Keenly and Polly Ann and my grand daughter Anne New should take nothing by this will having heretofore been provided for - 7th I hereby nominate and appoint my son James Townsley sole executor to carry and effect this my last will and testament seen in testimony of my full approbation and consent to