

Tedford
John

his instrument being also his part of the sugar family am
and have made a division of the black & white parts past to
Robert Thomas Alexander, John, and James & before each will
be satisfied in complying with my judgment in that case
as being as equal as I could do so for myself and back
to former have given freedom. I hope we are all agreed to
make what my wife told me was my duty of all that
have any of Color in possession and trust my children
will consider it so and follow the footsteps of their father
and keep now slaves longer than they pray for them racing
and expenses as for the two black girls to Betsy and Sally
as their part of the black family then part by living out
or keeping hind out or with them in the house for their
part 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 to be
set at liberty by the Executives of my estate and by no
means to be sold like the brute beast, and to my daughter
Polly a good horse or morn worth eighty dollars for
trille and saddle at ready purchased and with the
consent of my first wife Elizabeth if agreeable to him
immediately I have my negro ready to Polly under her
service to the age of twenty five years then to be set at
liberty if he 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 cows and
hogs 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 wife Anna 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 assis-
tance to do what in her power to perform. I also constatale
my son James Tedford and Robin Dickerson Executors
of this my last will being confident of their probity
and ability to execute and as hereby sign and affirme
this my last will rehersing I have set my hand
the date above written in the presence of John Tedford
of Robert Dickerson proved
Samuel Dickson

Thompson
David

In the name of God Alme, I David Thompson of
Blount County and State of Tennessee being weak in body
but of perfect mind and disposing memory as man and
ordain this my last will and testament I recommend my
soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be
buried in a decent Christian burial and as to what worldly
property It hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath
the same following first my wife is that all my just
debts be fully paid. & I give and bequeath to my wife
Anna Thompson full possession of the land and improvement
to wherein I now live during her natural life and afterwards
and at her decease or because to be used belonging to my

Thompson
David

children born or unborn to be equal shares in the same then
their turn and assigns forever if my wife should marry she is then
to have one third to her if David shall die and bequeath
to my wife my household and kitchen furniture
it is my will bequeath to my wife in her breast she to have
her choice out of my stock the balance of my property
including the Crops have with my executors to dispose of my soul
as far as the very time the family can conveniently subsist with
out and what is not sold by my executors nor bequeath in his
will my wife and children to be equal shares in the same and
out of all proceeds of the property sold my just debts to
be paid if necessary then pay my debts that shall equal to the
equally divided between my wife and children & as herby
removeth and appelle my wife Anna Thompson and William Meloy
Executives and Executrix of this my last will and Testament witness
my hand and seal the tenth day of November 1815
Signed and Sealed in the present. — David Thompson
173 Strand, Memphis
D David Thompson
William Armstrong

Downday
George

Know all men by these presents that I George Downday
of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being old
and infirm & liable infirmities of old age that shall shortly
be called on to pay the last debt of nature but being of a
sound mind disposing and duly these presents make
publick and declare this instrument of writing to be my
last will and Testament freely making and testifying
all for my wife by me hitherto made, and first it
is my will and desire that at my death my body may be
interred in a decent and appropriate manner by
the side of my beloved wife Anna among my fore
D.C. of herself give and bequeath to my son James Downday all
the land of which I am now Seign Lord possessed that he to
say the least of land in which I now live and claiming
no more and directly in names especially reserved to me
by the state of Tennessee also all of my live stock both of
Horses cattle Sheep and hogs and of my household furni-
ture. It is my will that th. have my chest and my
stone Jug. &c. It is my will and desire that my son James
Downday and his wife Jane Downday receive of my two
beds and furniture as they think proper. It is my
will and desire that he they son James Downday have the
care and charge of me as he has been before me as
long as I live. It is my will and desire that the balance
of my estate that is to say Money John Downday
and Fanny Keeney and Policy Downday and my Grand
daughter Sarah then should take nothing by this will
having first payed my debts for — & my debts
tithes and expenses my son James Downday sole execu-
tor carrying effect this my last will and Testament in
in testimony of my full approbation and consent to

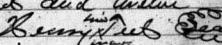
Townley
George

each and every of the provisions of this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of October 1840
 George Townley Seal
 Signed sealed and published
 Deared in the presence of the
 wife Polly Dyer substituted before signed by
 3 Chas & George
 Robt. Thompson

Sedford
George

At the age of God knows May the twentieth 1823
 George Sedford of the State of Tennessee and County
 of Blount being late in body but in perfect mind
 and memory and willing to mind the just acts of my
 body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
 die do make and ordain this my last will and testament
 and as touching such earthly estate wherewith it has
 pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and
 dispose of the same in the manner and form following
 In the first place after all my lafaldets is paid I
 give my beloved wife Polly the use of my plantation
 and all my farming tools with all the household furni-
 ture to be at her disposal during her life or otherwise
 with my old servt man for the use of the farm
 And where she fails it is my will that any executors pro-
 vides for a suitable beast for that purpose but in case
 of my wife passing away again it is my will that she should
 have the one fourth of the plantation the cows two bulls
 and a heifer given her for the use and service of my executors
 the cows and heifer to be at her disposal the plantation to
 serve to the use of my son Jacob I also allow out of the money
 now amongst our hands that my executors purchase for a
 brother the second place of birth that my two young
 sons may be sold with all other cattle not wanted
 to be kept in the farm and the proceeds to be paid to the less
 advantage for the use of my other heirs with all the other
 money which may be so allotted also my plantation and all
 other property that may be in the possession at the date
 of my death to be sold and equally divided among
 my three daughters viz) Peggy Hamil, Polly Sedford and
 Jane Sedford to be appropriated to them use and to their
 heirs forever It is my will also that James Long or James
 have ten dollars in the last place of constitute made
 and certain James Sedford son and William Hamil
 my only and sole executors of this my last will and
 testament making all former wills & testaments and
 in witness hereof I do hereby sign my name and
 seal this day and year above written George Sedford
 Signed sealed and published for me
 and declared as my last will and testament
 in presence of us the subscribers
 Robt. Sedford
 James Sedford

Geo. Townley

I Keny Sed of Blount County and State of Tennessee
 as hereby make my last will and testament the manner and
 form following that is 1st of note that all my just debts
 and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereafter
 named 2^d after my debts and funeral expenses of give
 to my daughter Polly Del one head and its furniture which is
 called but head and one other bed and furniture equal to
 the second bed and furniture that my daughter Sally Whit
 exchange of and one Cow black in the sides and white
 on the back and Calf also small and white with four
 toes and his Saddle 3^d I give to my son John Del one
 black mare and bridle for myself stayned by him
 and one plow and all its utensils 4^e I give to my son
 Isaac Del one horse Saddle and bridle equal in value
 to the one my son John Del to be paid to him by my exec-
 utors when he arrives at the age of eighteen years
 5^f I desire that all my personal estate not otherwise dis-
 posed of to be sold at publick sale and as for my land
 I wish it sold by my executors which you may see in
 their wisdom think best either in publick or private sale
 6^g I give to my two sons John Del and Isaac Del out of
 the proceeds of said sale each one his hundred and fifty
 dollars and to my four daughters Crissy Morris, Caly
 Morris, Polly Del and Sally Whittemburg each one twenty
 dollars 7^h I give to my son Jacob Del one dollar
 8ⁱ I give to my son Samuel Del one dollar
 9^j I give to my son Peter Del one dollar
 10^k I give to my daughter Eli's abetter Murphy an order
 11^l I desire the balance of my estate to be equally
 divided equally between Crissy Morris, Jacob Del, Caly
 Morris, Sammily Del, Polly Del, Peter Del, John Del and Sally
 Whittemburg and Isaac Del and if it should amount
 to more than one hundred and fifty dollars to each
 and every one by a reduction of thirty dollars out of
 each of my four daughters or any Crissy Morris, Caly
 Morris, Polly Del and Sally Whittemburg their Eli's abetter
 Murphy is to have and equal share of the balance
 with the other four named children 12^m I desire that
 my two sons John Del & shall have the profits arising from
 my land until sold - and lastly I do hereby constitute
 and appoint my son Samuel Del and my two friends
 David Low and Henry Whittemburg Executors of my last
 will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by
 me hitherto made in witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal this 28th of October in the year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve
 Signed sealed published and declared by
 Keny Sed 
 designated to be the last will and
 testament of the above named Keny Sed in presence
 of us who at his request and in his presence have
 hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the
 same William Ellisper for C. Ellisper
 Nathaniel Rock Jr.