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Jordan
Richardson
No 28.

forever.

I give to my Son and other personal estate that I have heretofore owned to my Daughter Anne E. Marshall Wife of Henry Marshall, Anne give the same and the increase of the said Slaves to my said Daughter and to her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Stith Richardson the following Slaves, to wit, Edmund, Naburns Dick Pranny and her Child Trumpy, Arney and old Syd. also all the stock and household furniture heretofore given him and now in his possession to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

I give to my Daughter Arney Richardson a Negro girl by the name of Julia with her future increase and one bed and furniture called hers to her and her heirs forever.

I desire my Executors hereafter named shall dispose of the two tracts of land I own and lying in Brunswick County. One tract containing four hundred and Seventeen acres the other two hundred and Ninety acres at the price of not less than four dollars per acre payable in three equal annual installments and when sold to execute a deed of bargain and sale to the purchaser in fee simple in case my said Executors should not immediately dispose of the said land I desire the same shall be held out until my Daughter Sally marries or arrives at the age of twenty one and then to dispose of the same in any way they may think most advantageous. The money arising from the sale of the aforesaid land and the increase thereof if there be at all I desire may be equally divided between all my Children namely Rebecca Frances Arney Nancy E. Sally and Stith to them and their heirs forever.

I give to my Daughter Polly one feather bed and furniture called hers to her and her heirs forever.

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I give

I give to my Daughter Sally one Negro girl named Phoebe together with her future increase to her and her heirs forever. I desire my Executors hereafter named to dispose of such part of my personal Estate as they shall so judge most advantageous for my estate and for the sales thereof pay all my just debts.

It is my Will and desire that the residue of my estate be kept together for the support of my beloved Wife and unmarried Daughters and in case either of my said Daughters should marry I desire that she & they shall have allotted to her or them an equal portion of the Slaves to be kept together after taking therefrom one third part to be assigned my said Wife as dower in case all my said Daughters shall marry in this clause I wish it to be understood that the said estate is to be kept together as aforesaid during the natural life of my beloved wife and after her death two thirds of the said Slaves and their future increase I desire may be divided among my said Daughters namely Polly Arney & Nancy. The portion of Polly to be taken possession of by my Executors who in this case are to be considered as trustees and out of the profits arising from the said Slaves they are to furnish my said Daughter Polly with such necessaries as will support her comfortably, the other third part of the said Slaves to be considered as a part of the residue of my estate the share to be assigned my Daughter Arney and Sally. I give to them and their heirs forever.

Whereas I am entitled to an estate consisting of land and Slaves at the death of Mary Richardson, widow of my father William Richardson deceased it is my Will and desire that after the death of said Mary Richardson that the Slaves that fall to me by her death be equally divided among my Children namely Rebecca Frances Nancy E. Stith Arney and Sally.

Jordan and in case either of my said Children shall die Richardson before the happening of that event. having a child No 28. or Children it is my desire ^{that they} shall draw the same proportion to which their ancestor would be entitled from this clause. The land to be sold by my Executors on such terms as they shall judge most advantageous and the profits of the sale divided as the Shors all of which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Now It is my Will and desire that after the death of my Wife the land whereon I now live shall be sold by my Executors on one two and three year credit the proceeds of the sale of the said land together with all the rest and residue of any Estate not hitherto given away I desire may be divided as is divided relative to the Estate now in the possession of Mary Richardson and will be said in the next preceding clause and furthermore it is my Will and desire that after the death of my daughter Polly that the Shors left in the hands of my Executors for her support and maintenance be divided in the same manner to wit, among my Children William, James, Nancy & Eliza & Amy & Sally and the descendants of either of them as shall die before my Wife. The descendants taking the part to which their ancestor would have been entitled to to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Eliza and my son Eliza Richardson and my son in law William Mason, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of June 1800 and twenty The interpositions and omissions in this Will made before assigned.

Jordan Richardson (Seal)
Signed sealed, published and declared by the Testator

Jordan as his last Will and Testament in presence of
Richardson
Edmunds & Mason
Eduin & Bailey
No 28. State of Tennessee Do Thomas Spruill and Benjamin Maclean Esquires

Know You that we trusting to your diligence and prudent circumspection require you at such certain times and places as you shall appear to cause to come before you Edmund & Mason and Eduin & Bailey Witnesses in the behalf of Eliza Richardson Executor of the last Will and Testament of Jordan Richardson deceased as a certain controversy in our Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for the County of Dickson depending between the said Eliza Richardson Executor of the last Will and Testament of Jordan Richardson deceased and Mary Eliza Hamble and Anne & Harriette her Wife and them diligently examine touching the same in solution form on oath or affirmation and having received their examination as aforesaid you shall distinctly plainly and without delay send and certify the same enclosed together with this writ to our Court of Pleas and Quarter Session to be held for the County of Dickson at the next house in the town of Charlotte on the first Monday in October next. Witness my hand and Seal of our said Court at Office the first Monday in July in the year of our Lord 1824 and 49th year of the Independence of the United States.

First Field James Clerk
of said Court.

State of Virginia Granville County, Va.
By virtue of the foregoing Commission now directed to Thomas Spruill and Benjamin Maclean Justices of the Peace for the County of Granville and State of Virginia have this day caused Edmund Mason and Eduin Bailey subscribers to the will of Jordan Richardson

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 Jordan deceased hereinafter, and in the said Commission
 Richardson mentioned to come before us at Sandy Grove in
 N. 28. the County of Granville aforesaid on the first day
 of September 1824 and they having been first duly
 sworn in the holy evangelist of Almighty God attested
 the said Will in due form sworn that the said Jordan
 Richardson signed and published the writing aforesaid
 hereinafter as his last Will and Testament (but
 it appears to the deponents that the said Will has
 since the acknowledgment thereof changed or altered
 in this to wit, in the devise to Anne Richardson
 a Slave by the name of Julia has been substituted
 for the Slave originally devised) that the said Jordan
 Richardson was in their opinion of sound mind &
 disposing memory and that the said Edmund
 Mason and Edwin Bailey subscribed their names
 thereto as Witnesses in the presence and at the
 request of the said Testator. Given under our hands
 and seals this first day of September in the year
 Eighteen hundred and twenty-four.

Thomas Spurr J. C. Clk.
 Benjamin Maden J. C. Clk.

State of Virginia: to wit.
 Granville County: I Edmund Mason Clerk of the
 County Court of Granville aforesaid do hereby certify
 that Thomas Spurr and Benjamin Maden whose
 signatures are annexed to the within Certificate
 are acting Justices of the Peace in and for the
 County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified
 as such and full faith and credit is due to their
 official acts. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed the County seal this
 sixth day of September One thousand eight hun-
 dred & Twenty-four.

Ed. Mason. C. G. C.
 State of Virginia: To wit.
 Granville County: I Esau Goodwyn Presiding
 Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Gran-
 ville aforesaid do hereby certify that Edmund

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 Jordan Mason is Clerk of the said Court and that his attestation
 Richardson as above is in due form. Witness my hand & seal
 N. 28. this 6th day of September 1824
 Esau Goodwyn P. J.

John
 Humphreys
 N. 29. In the name of God Amen I John Humphreys of
 the County of Tricon in the State of Tennessee
 being weak and feeble in body but of sound
 mind and sound in memory do hereby be to divine
 providence to make this my last Will and Testa-
 ment reciting and making void all wills or wills
 by me previously made. I recommend my soul to
 Almighty God and by the merits of Jesus Christ
 I trust to be saved for Christ is my hope and as
 for my temporal estate that the Lord has been pleased
 to bestow on me I give and bequeath as follows
 My Will is that all my just debts ^{that} be paid and every
 necessary expense discharged in carrying my Will into
 complete effect.

I give and bequeath to my son John
 Howard Humphreys a Negro woman named Dor-
 cas a feather bed and furniture bedstead & cord.
 I have already let him have to him and his assigns
 I do give and bequeath to Amos Reynolds in
 right of my Daughter Clarinda whom he unlawfully
 married with One dollar and twenty five cents she dying
 and left no issue. Likewise I give and bequeath to
 the said Amos Reynolds One dollar and twenty five
 cents in right of his marriage with my Daughter
 Sophia whom he left in a state of pregnancy with
 his third child in and has remained from
 her ever since. therefore I consider him as not en-
 titled to any more to him he him and his assigns
 I do give and bequeath to my son Horatio Hum-
 phreys a Negro man named Manick and a Negro
 girl named Phana my surveyors instruments
 and a feather bed and furniture with what I
 have already let him have to him and his assigns
 I do give and bequeath to my son-in-law

John I give to ^{John Patterson} a Negro man named Glaster together
Humphreys with what I have already let him have to him
No 29 and his assigns and I give to his Daughter Dilly
White Patterson my grand Daughter my stand
of red flowered Painted curtains and the cover
let of the same in place of her dear deceased
mother my Daughter Dilly.

Item I give and bequeath to my son in law Edward
Holly my Whip saw and to my Daughter Sophia
the stand of mixed Colours with the cover
let and as I do not think it safe to gift them
with any special property as there are some obstacles
I give to all my daughter Sophia Male Children
that she now has or may have as well those she
had by Amos Reynolds as that she has had or may
have since her marriage with Edward Holly the
land and plantation whereon I now live or the pro-
ducts thereof share and share alike with survivors.

Likewise I give to all my daughter Sophia Holly Chil-
dren male and female as aforesaid a Negro fellow
named Joe and a Negro woman named Sara and
her increase from the time I purchased her but these
lands and Negroes are not to be put into the possession
of any of the Children until the death of their mother
Sophia Holly and her husband Edward Holly and
at their decease then the lands to be divided as
above and the Negroes to be divided equally amongst
all the Children male and female or the survivors of
them. No above gifts to Edward Holly and my
daughter Sophia together with what they have received
to him and their assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Amos
Brown One Dollar and twenty five cents. Likewise I
give and bequeath to my two grandsons John
Humphreys Brown and Amos Madison Brown my
Daughter Jemima Brown Children a Negro woman
named Sabra and her increase from the 1st of
January 1823 at being the time their father

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John Amos A Brown died. Intentionally steal took and carry
Humphreys her away from me to be equally divided between them
No 29 but they are not to take possession of this Negro woman
or increase until the death of their mother and then
they are to take possession to be to them and their
assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Stoddy Thoma-
-phreys my Cow one pair and eight stone with what
he has already had in possession and as I do not
think it safe to gift him with any land and Negro
property as there are some disagreeable obstacles I give
to all his Children that he now has or may have the
land I purchased of Amos Jones and what salary ac-
quire joining it and two Negroes viz. a Negro man
named Scipio and a Negro woman named Annally
and her increase but these Children are not to have
possession of the land and Negroes until the death
of their father and at his decease his property is
to be equally divided between them all share and
share alike or the survivors beginning with John
Patterson Humphreys and ending with the last
child my son Stoddy may have to be to them
and their assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand son Amos
Reynolds a Horse Saddle and Bridle a feather bed &
furniture bedstead and cord and a Cow and Calf
out of the fettle I last let my Daughter Sophia have
to him and his assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my ^{grand} son Amos
Reynolds a Horse Saddle and Bridle a feather bed
and furniture bedstead and cord and a Cow &
Calf out of the fettle I last let my Daughter Sophia
have to him and his assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter
Caroline Reynolds a mare Saddle and Bridle a
feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord a
Cow & Calf out of the fettle I last let my Daughter
Sophia have to be to her and her assigns.

My Will is that my Negro woman Peggy be sold

John to the highest bidder for ready money and that the
 Humphreys money arising therefrom be appropriated to the pay-
 No 29 - ment of my just debts and defraying and discharg-
 - ing all necessary expenses in carrying my Will into
 complete effect and as for my old negro woman
 Bury my will is that she be permitted to live with
 which of my children she pleases but not as a slave
 and whomever she chooses to live with shall be bound
 to maintain her as long as she lives but she shall
 be compelled to live with some of them. My farming
 utensils to remain on the farm for the use thereof
 and the remaining part of my estate of every descrip-
 - tion that is not given or bequeathed away or ordered
 for sale my Will is that ~~it~~ be equally divided between
 my children viz. John Howard Humphreys Horatio
 Humphreys and my sons in law John Stokely Patton
 - son. Edward Stokely and Stokely Humphreys. share
 and share alike as equal in value as possible by my
 Executor and supervisor hereafter named to them
 and their assigns forever. Now the hope that I
 may be possessed of my Will is that it be divided
 equally amongst the above named five devisees to
 enable them to support the stock they may acquire
 the first year. Now the property that is said each
 child has received is as follows.

First my son John Howard Humphreys has re-
 - ceived a Negro boy named Boris a Horse, Wagon
 and bridle and a hundred acres of land in North
 Carolina and my son Horatio Humphreys a
 Negro boy named Buchner a Mare saddle and
 bridle a Cow and calf, three little Gilt Sows and
 an occupant claim of an 100 acres. My son in
 law John S. Patterson a Negro boy named Anthony
 a Horse Wagon and bridle a feather bed and
 furniture a Cow and calf and a Sow & Pigs.
 My son in law Edward Stokely a feather bed
 and furniture, a Mare saddle and bridle and a
 Cow and calf and an old mare in room of
 a Sow and Pigs. My Daughter Sarah a velvet

on his first marriage a feather bed and furniture,
 Humphreys near bridle and saddle a Sow and calf and a Sow & Pigs
 No 29 My son Stokely Humphreys a feather bed and furniture a
 Mare saddle and bridle a Cow and calf and three little
 Gilt Sows. Now to those children that had not received a
 Negro I have given them two each in my Will striving to
 make an equal division amongst them as possible Now
 the reason of my gifting my son Horatio Humphreys with
 this Negro girl Hannah is on the account or in consequence
 of his little son my grand son Benjamin Humphreys
 who measurably has but the use of one of his arms and
 in some measure his having so many children. She has
 always been withed to him. Now my Will is that when it
 shall please God to call me home that my children
 bury me on the north side of my dear Wifes grave and
 have a small neat tomb erected over our graves out
 of rock and arched over and made white with good
 lime mortar and the expense defrayed or paid out
 of the monies arising from the sale of Piggery.
 Lastly, I constitute and appoint my sons viz. John
 Howard W. Sumner Supervisor and my son Horatio
 Humphreys and my son in law John S. Patterson
 and Edward Stokely Executors to this my last
 Will and Testament nothing and making void
 all wills by me formerly made, pronouncing and
 declaring this to be my last Will and Testament
 in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.
 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal the sixteenth day of September A.D. 1826

Robert Whittige

Daniel Billups

Ch. B. Corban.

John Humphreys (Seal)

State of Tennessee, County of Platts and Justice Supreme
 Dickson County January Term 1827
 This was the within last Will and Testament
 of John Humphreys deceased produced in open Court
 and proved by the oath of Robert Whittige and
 Daniel Billups subscribers witnesses.

Shew was then ordered to be recorded. Then came John
Humphreys, J. Patterson, Horatio Humphreys, Edward Holby
No. 29 and Howard M. Sumner. Executors named in said
Will and qualified agreeable to law and gave
bond and security in the sum of Ten Thousand
Dollars

Just Field Tamar flk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee January 3^d 1827.
Dickson County. Shew was the last Will and
Testament of John Humphreys dec^d recorded in
Book at page 69 70 71 72 & 73.

Just Field Tamar flk

Ephraim In the name of God Amen. Knowing that it is
Ephraim once appointed for all men once to die. I am
No. 30 now sick in body but in perfect mind and senses
to wit. I make this my last Will and Testament
after all my debts are paid I give and bequeath
to my wife Mary Breeding all my property to
do as she sees proper. This 18th Feb^y 1826.

Robert Duke Ephraim Breeding
Charles Duke

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County January Term 1827.
Shew was the last Will and Testament of Ephraim
Breeding dec^d produced in open Court and proven
by the oaths of Robert Duke and Charles Duke
subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to
be recorded.

Just Field Tamar flk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee January Term 1827.
Dickson County. Shew was the last Will and
Testament of Ephraim Breeding dec^d Recorded
in Book at pages 73 & 74. Just Field Tamar flk

Adam Wilson of the County of Dickson and State
of Tennessee on the 9th day of August in the year
No. 31 of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
twenty two being sick though of good sound

Adam mind & judgment do make this to be my last Will
Wilson and Testament in manner and form hereafter
No. 31 named.

In the first place I give my Soul to Almighty God
in whom I hope to be saved

1st After all my just debts are paid I give and
bequeath my property as follows.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mar-
= garet Wilson two hundred acres of land including
the improved part & house during her natural life
also all my property that I do hereafter bequeath to
my children also I request of my Executors to
purchase a Negro girl for the use of my wife
Margaret with the money Thomas Parker is
due me when collected

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Wilson
Sixty acres of Land that I purchased of John Lewis

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto my Son John Wilson
Sixty acres of Land lying in the South east corner of
my survey to begin at the beginning corner run-
ning west to Joseph Wilsons corner then N 20
as to include said sixty acres.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my son James Wilson
my two horse that he now claims and one half
of the land in value that I have given to my
wife his lifetime

Item 5 I give and bequeath to my son Adam Wilson my
Young black horse and the other half of my land
that I have given my wife her life longer as
It is my wish that my son James and Adam
will stay with their mother and work the plan-
tation as they formerly have done for the benefit
of themselves and the rest of the family

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret
Wilson One bed and furniture and all the bed
clothing that she claims as hers and my own
more & her two colts & one saddle

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy
Wilson, One bed and furniture and all the

Adam had clothing that she claims & my son fully had.
Wilson die & Bonds and two cows in the value of them.

No 31 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucrecia
Wilson One bed and furniture and all the
clothing that she claims and my small mare
coll and one saddle to be purchased for her and
when my said Daughter Lucrecia becomes of
age and calls for her part of my estate it is
my Will and desire that my Executor or Ex-
-ecutrix shall sell as much of my stock or
any property that can be the best spend from
the family so as to make my said Daughter
Lucrecia part up equal in value with my
other Daughters.

And yet It is my Will and desire that all my property, say stock
of every kind, farming utensils of every kind, house
hold and kitchen furniture ^{made} ~~now~~ ^{my} Mary and a
Negro that I have requested to be purchased for the
use of my wife for life time and every thing that is
mine that I have not bequeathed shall continue in
the family for the benefit of my Wife Margaret
Wilson and at her death all the said property that
is not bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst
all my Daughters married & single.

Lastly it is my Will and desire that my two sons
Joseph and John Wilson shall be my Executors to
this my last Will and Testament.

Signed and acknowledged to be the last Will and
Testament in the presence of

Test. Alex. Dickson

Adam Wilson

Chauncy Devinport

State of Tennessee, East of River and quarter Spring
Dickson family, April Term 1824

There was the within last Will and Testament
of Adam Wilson die produced in Open Court and
proved by the oaths of Alexander Dickson and
Chauncy Devinport subscribing witnesses thereto and
ordained to be recorded Then Came Joseph Wilson
and John Wilson and qualified as executors

Adam of said Will

Wilson

No 31.

State of Tennessee, April 26th 1824
Dickson County, Shewers the last Will and
Testament of Adam Wilson now recorded in
Book A. pages 74, 75 & 76

Test. John Garner Clerk
of said Court.

Field James Clerk

Charger
Kelly

No 32.

In the name of God Amen I Ebenezer Kelly of
the County of Dickson in the State of Tennessee con-
-sidering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being
of sound and perfect mind blessed be Almighty
God for the same do make and publish this
my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following, that is to say,

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Rachel Kelly during her natural life all and
singular the profits and emoluments of the tract
of land in the County of Dickson whereon I now
live and after her decease I give and bequeath
said land to my beloved Nephew Nathan Foster
of Kentucky his heirs and assigns forever.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my said wife
Rachel during her natural life all my stock
household and kitchen furniture also all my
farming tools likewise all my debts and dues
that are or will be coming to me that thereby
she may be enabled to pay all my just debts
and have something to support and cheer her
in her old age and at her death I will that
all that is left of the above named articles
shall go to the proper use and behoof of the said
Nathan Foster his heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly, I Will that my other tract of land of one
hundred and thirty acres in said County of Dick-
-son should be kept in the hands of my Ex-
-ecutors for the purpose of being sold for the sup-
-port of my said wife Rachel provided that from
age and helplessness that should be necessary

Ebenezer and provided also that the other bequests that I
 Kelly have made her in this my last Will and Testa-
 ment should prove insufficient for her support
 and after her death I will that all my estate
 both real and personal shall go to my said Nephew
 Nathaniel Foster whom with Abraham Eldredge I
 hereby appoint Executors of this my last Will and
 Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me
 made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and seal this 21st Feb^y 1826.

Ebenezer Kelly ^{made}
 Signed, sealed, published and declared by the
 above named Ebenezer Kelly to be his last Will
 and Testament in presence of us who have here-
 unto subscribed our names as witnesses in the
 presence of the Testator

Thomas Richardson

Joseph Willey

Polly Willey

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 Jackson County July Term 1827

Then was the within last Will and Testament
 of Ebenezer Kelly dec^d produced in Open Court
 and proven by the oaths of Thomas Richardson
 and Joseph Willey two of the subscribing Wit-
 nesses thereto and was then ordered to be recorded
 Then came Nathaniel Foster one of the Executors
 named in said Will and qualified according
 to law

Test Field Farnas Clk of Court
 State of Tennessee April 26th 1827

Jackson County Then was the last Will and
 Testament of Ebenezer Kelly deceased, recorded
 in Book A page 76 & 77. Field Farnas Clk

John In the name of God Amen. I John Turner
 Turner of Jackson County State of Tennessee being per-
 fect mind and memory not knowing how soon
 it please God to call me I do make this my
 last Will and Testament.

John First I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife
 Turner Elizabeth Turner, the plantation wherein I now live
 together with all the personal property and three
 Negroes, viz, Peter, Lencia and ^{one} ~~two~~ during her
 natural life or widowhood but if she should
 marry or at her death, for the above property to
 be equally divided between all my Children, I also
 give and bequeath unto my Son Samuel Turner
 the land wherein he now lives. I give and bequeath
 unto my Son William Turner one horse out of
 the above property at the death of my Wife. I also
 give my Wife fifteen Dollars that my Son Howard
 has in his hands. I further appoint my Son Sam-
 uel Turner and Elizabeth my Wife my Executors
 In Witness my hand seal this 28th June A.D. 1820
 Test Jesse May John Turner (Seal)

Willis Asworth

John Dunning

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 Jackson County January Term 1824

Then was the within last Will and Testament of
 John Turner dec^d produced in Open Court and
 proven by the oaths of John Dunning and
 Willis Asworth subscribing Witnesses thereto and
 ordered to be recorded. Then came Samuel Turner
 one of the Executors appointed in said Will and
 qualified according to law. Test Field Farnas Clk
 State of Tennessee 26th April 1827

Jackson County Then was the last Will and
 Testament of John Turner dec^d recorded in Book
 A Page 78. Field Farnas Clk.

Lucy In the name of God Amen I Lucy Hudson
 Hudson of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee
 being now in health but of perfect mind and reasoning
 knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty
 of life do hereby bequeath my body to the earth
 from whence it was taken to be buried with decen-
 cy. I humbly commit my soul to God who gave

Lucy it. So this day make and constitute this my last
Andrew Will and Testament, To Wit,

N^o 34 I desire that my lawful debts and contracts be
paid out of my property is as follows viz, a Negro
woman named Nancy another Negro named
Mary &c. Machine 4th Emmanuel. 5th George together
with all my stock of every description with that of
my household and relative furniture after my debts
are paid I wish for my Son ~~Frederick~~ ^{Frederick} Hudson
and my Daughter Science Hudson and my Son
Christopher Hudson, equally to divide the residue
between them without making of a sale.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 15th day of March, 1825

Signed in presence of ^{Frederick Hudson} ~~Frederick Hudson~~ ^{Frederick Hudson}
David Gray Minor Beble

Edmund Tidwell

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County July Term 1825

There was the within last Will and Testament of
Lucy Hudson dec^d produced in open Court and
proven by the oaths of David Gray Minor Beble
and Edmund Tidwell and ordered to be recorded
And Field James Clerk said Court

State of Tennessee April 26th 1825
Dickson County There was the above last Will
and Testament of Lucy Hudson dec^d recorded
in Book A Page 99. Field James Clerk.

Stephens In the name of God Amen I Stephen Thomas
Thomas of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee
N^o 35 Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life
and being of sound and perfect mind and
memory blessed be to God for the same do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form following that is to say
First I leave my Soul to God expecting his
special blessings therein for Christ's sake.

Stephens I leave my Will and desire is that all my just debts be
Thomas paid Third I leave and bequeath unto my two Sons
N^o 35 John C. Thomas and William Thomas, all my books

my Watch and wearing apparel to be equally divided
between them Fourth I leave and bequeath unto
my beloved Wife Mary Thomas all my land, my
Negroes, horses, cattle, hogs with all my tools and
plantation utensils and all my household and kitchen
furniture with all other articles, debts, dues or demands
whenever not heretofore received or liquidated during
her natural life and at her death what may then
be remaining of my said estate to be sold and equally
divided between my three surviving Sons and Daughters
and lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my
beloved Wife Mary Thomas my sole Executor to
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all former Wills by me made. But it is to be
understood that it is my desire that my said Executor
be permitted to administer on this my last Will and
Testament without giving any security for her performance
In testimony whereof I the said Stephen Thomas have
hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day
of August One thousand eight hundred and
twenty four.

Signed Sealed, published and declared by the above
named Stephen Thomas, to be his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses in presence
of the Pastor

D. McAdoo

Robert Livingston

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County July Term 1825

There was the within last Will and Testament of
Stephen Thomas dec^d produced in open Court
and proven by the oaths of David McAdoo and
Robert Livingston subscribing Witnesses thereto and
ordered to be recorded. And Field James Clerk
of said Court.

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Stephen State of Tennessee, April 26th 1827.
Thomas (Dickson County) ³ Then was the last Will and Testament
N^o 35. of Stephen Thomas dec^d Recorded in Book A page 808 & 9
Field James Clerk

Joseph In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Davidson
(Lawson of Dickson County and State of Tennessee being of
N^o 36. Sound mind but of low State as to health do make
and make this my last Will and Testament as
follows to wit, I Will and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Elizabeth Davidson all debts due and demands
justly owing to my estate after the payment of my just
debts which I wish paid out of the first money collect-
ed from my debts. I also Will and bequeath unto
my wife named Wife my house and lands during
her natural life or widowhood, together with all my
household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils
Stock and Crops of every description for the support
of herself and family. In case of my Wife Elizabeth
marrying again I wish an equal division of my prop-
erty to take place and my beloved Wife to have an
equal part agreeable to the wishes of my children
to have and to hold in fee simple and to bequeath
or divide in any manner she may think proper.
the property hereafter named excepted. I Will
and bequeath unto my Son Aquilla when he shall
arrive to the age of twenty one my negro boy Ed^d
more about fourteen years of age - Moreover I wish
my Wife to have the use of said boy Ed^d
until my Son should arrive to the age of twenty one
for the support of herself and children and educating
of them. I would be understood the boy Ed^d bequeath
to my son Aquilla is to be considered as so much
of his part of my estate at the time of a final di-
vision as I wish an equal division of my property
amongst my children giving one no more than
another and I do hereby constitute and appoint my
brother John Davidson and my brother in law
Aquilla Tidwell my true and lawful executors

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Joseph to execute this my last Will and Testament. In witness
Davidson my wife I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
N^o 36 my seal this 26th day of November in the year of our Lord
1827 Joseph Davidson Test

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us
Mukins Gerr
Edmund Tidwell
Sally Sniggy
State of Tennessee, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County ³ July Term 1828
Then was the within last Will and Testament of
Joseph Davidson dec^d produced in open Court and
proved by the oaths of Mukins Gerr and Edmund
Tidwell subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to
be recorded. Now came John Davidson and Aquilla
Tidwell Executors appointed in said Will and qualified
according to law. Test Field James Clerk of said Court
State of Tennessee, April 26th 1827
Dickson County ³ Then was the last Will and Tes-
tament of Joseph Davidson dec^d Recorded in
Book A page 818 & 2. Field James Clerk

Mrs In the name of God Amen. I Moses Eastley of the
Eastley State of Tennessee and County of Dickson being very
N^o 37 sick and weak, in imperfect health of body but of
and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given
unto God calling into mind the mortality of my
body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die do make and ordain this my last
Will and Testament that is to say, principally
and first of all I give and recommend my soul into
the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my
body recommend to the earth to be buried in a
decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the mighty power of God.
And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has
pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and

Mrs
 Early
 No 3
 dispose of the same in the following manner and form.
 first I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dear beloved
 wife this negro man named, Ellick, also one man
 negro, two cows and calves, six head of sheep, fifteen
 head of hogs, one bed and furniture, one chest, one box
 one wheel and cards, two pots, two Ovens, two Skillets one
 pair of (log iron, one pot rack, one shovel also the Dinner
 ware, one Plow and Saws, two hoes, one axe one Grinding
 hoe, one (Draining) Pipe and Hand saw also the land
 whereon said Early his family lived to be the property of
 his wife until Eliza E. comes of age also his wife to
 give his three children good & a liberal education, this prop-
 erty to belong to his wife and the heirs of her body, also
 give my well beloved Daughter Eliza E. Early one tract
 of land containing Twenty acres where said Early now
 lives, also nine acres, then Twenty acres on the North side
 of Big Harriane Creek also fifty acres to be saved on
 the West side of said Creek, also money to be taken
 out of said estate to save the said fifty acres of land
 one cupboard, one bed and furniture, one Glass wheel one
 Crank seat, one set of cups and saucers, one set of plates
 one set of knives and forks. Also I give to my well beloved
 son James V. Early one hundred acres of land lying on
 Little Harriane Creek, between two hundred and fifty
 dollars, one bed and furniture, all profits arising
 from said lands, also I give my well beloved son John
 V. Early one hundred acres of land lying in Shaps
 head Cove (Dick river, one bed and furniture, and
 all profits arising from said lands, all property not
 named in the above Will to be sold next fall, the
 above named two hundred and fifty dollars to come
 out of the said property when sold and the balance to
 be divided equally with the three children. It is my
 wish for Andrew Green to see to the selling of the
 property, and dividing of the money as I have directed
 and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul
 all and every other former Testaments Wills, Legacies be-
 quests and Executions by me in any wise before now
 written and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming the

Mrs
 Early
 No 3
 and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
 27th of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight
 hundred and twenty four.
 Test Soil Mapin
 Michael Leight
 William H. Venable

Mrs Early O.E.B.
 State of Tennessee, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
 Dickson County, July Term 1824.
 Then was the within last Will and Testament of Mrs Early
 dec^d produced in open Court and thereupon Michael Leight and
 Soil Mapin subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn on the
 Holy Evangelical made oath that on the 27th of March 1824 the
 said Mrs Early died in their presence, signed with her own proper
 hands and published the same as her last Will and Testament
 and that at the request of the said Testator they subscribed in
 his presence the said last Will and Testament of said Early
 as Witnesses of the same, and the same is ordered to be recorded
 Test Fredl Farrar Clerk of said Court.

State of Tennessee, April 27th 1827
 Dickson County, Then was the last Will and Testament of Mrs
 Early dec^d recorded in book A. page 83 Sub 88 Fredl Farrar Clk.

John
 Baker
 No 38
 State of Tennessee, In all whom these may come, bearing
 Dickson County, Know Ye that this day came William Baker
 before me John Humphreys an acting Justice of the Peace for the
 County aforesaid, at the request of Rebecca Baker widow of
 John Baker dec^d deponent and sayeth that he was with the
 dec^d person (viz) John Baker, a few days before he died and
 he called him the said William Baker and requested him
 to sit down by him and said I shall die, I want to inform
 you how I wish my business to be done, I have sold my land
 to Doctor Thomas W. Schmittner and the money when collected
 will be sufficient to pay all my debts and something over, and
 what is over I want my wife to have it and apply it to the
 benefit of herself and my children in the best way she can
 and I have other debts due me and when she collects the
 money my desire is for my wife Rebecca to apply it also
 to the benefit of herself and my child and as to my

John Baker. personal personal estate property as it is but little I do not wish her to be at any expense in administering out but for her to keep it in her possession and make use of it for her maintenance and the raising of my children in the way she thinks most proper for I am satisfied that money due me will be more than sufficient to discharge all the debt I owe therefore I wish my wife to be at as little expense and trouble as possible for I have no doubt but my Wife will do the best she can for self and children. Witness his hand and seal Subscribed and sworn to before me the 11th of April 1823

his
William L. Baker Esq.
Judge

Ino. Humphrey, J.P.

State of Tennessee, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County, July Term 1823

Shew was the within Verbal Will of John W. Baker dec^d produced in open Court and proved as such by the oaths of William Baker and Francis Volchmitt and ordered to be recorded.

That Field Farrar Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee, April 27th 1827

Dickson County Shew was the verbal Will of John W. Baker deceased Recorded in Book A page 85 & 86
Field Farrar Clerk

Barnabas In the name of God Amen. I Barnabas Blodoo of Blodoo the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but of sound sense and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this earthly life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following speaking and speaking words all with or wills by me freely made. First I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it in whom by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe to be saved and my body to be buried in such decent and Christianlike manner as my Executors may think fit and as to my worldly goods and whatsoever else God hath been pleased to bestow on me I give and bequeath in the following manner, viz.
In the first place I lend to my beloved Wife

Barnabas Blodoo all of my property such as houses Blodoo lands and negroes and man named Omiah Household and furniture and stock of every kind during her natural life and after her death it is my Will and desire that the above mentioned property and all and every thing appertaining thereto be divided between my beloved children viz. To my Son Giles I Blodoo I give and bequeath fifty Dollars to make his portion equal to that already given to the rest of my sons The rest of my property my will and desire is that it be equally divided between my beloved children viz. John Challey, Thomas M. Blodoo, Elizabeth Ann, Agnes Ann Rebecca Waller, Bannay L. Blodoo, Nancy Blodoo, Pickney J. Blodoo, Sam- cilla Whitehead, Giles J. Blodoo and Mary Samague. The division to be made by my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Lastly I constitute my Son Bannay L. Blodoo and Pickney J. Blodoo whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament. To this my last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribing Witnesses I have set my hand and affixed my seal satisfying the same this day of December nineteen hundred and eight hundred and twenty one
(William Reynolds)

his
William Lewis Barnabas Blodoo Esq.
State of Tennessee, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Dickson County, January Term 1822

Shew was the within last Will and Testament of Barnabas L. Blodoo dec^d was produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of William Reynolds and William Lewis subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded Field Farrar Clerk
State of Tennessee, April 24th 1827
Dickson County Shew was the last Will and Testament of Barnabas L. Blodoo recorded in Book A page 87 & 88
Field Farrar Clerk

Ann
Marsh
No. 10. I Ann Marsh of the Dickson family and State
Tennessee considering the frailty of this body but
of sound mind, make my last Will and Dis-
tament in manner and form following, that is
to say,

1st I give to my son Gilbert Marsh, I give one Negro
man named Tony, a Negro girl named Nancy
and one feather bed to him and his heirs
forever.

2^d I give to my Grandson Mineyard, Marsh
one Negro boy named Peter, to him and his heirs
forever.

3^d I give to my Granddaughter Nancy Shumaker
one Negro girl named Folly, one feather bed
to her and her heirs forever.

4th and lastly, I appoint my son Gilbert Marsh
sole executor of this my last Will.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us
January 10th 1822.

William Hudson ^{her}
Richard Evans ^{son of Marsh}

State of Tennessee ^{first of May at Quarter Session}
Dickson family ³ April Term 1822

There was the within last Will and Testament
of Ann Marsh dec^d produced in open Court and
proven by the oaths of William Hudson and
Richard Evans subscribing Whisper thereto and
ordered to be recorded Test. Field Tammor Clerk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee ³ April 27th 1827

Dickson family ³ There was the within last
Will and Testament of Ann Marsh Recorded
in Book A page 88 & 89 Field Tammor Clerk.

Amos
James
No. 11. State of Tennessee We the undersigned testify
Dickson family ³ that the within was the re-
quidition of Amos James dec^d whilst on his
death bed, viz, He requested that two acres
of his land should be given to his son

Amos
No. 11. James
Ishua as his part of the estate and that this said
James lies in a survey to its self and that the residue
of his property should be given to his wife (said
James deceased) which property should be for the
use of said Widow to raise her children upon.
Given under our hands this 4th of July 1825
Test. Enock James Clerk

State of Tennessee ^{first of July at Quarter Session}
Dickson family ³ July Term 1825

There was the within verbal Will of Amos James
dec^d produced in open Court and proven by the
oaths of Enock James and Abah James sub-
scribing Whisper thereto and ordered to be recor-
ded Test. Field Tammor Clerk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee ³ Dickson family ³ April 27th 1827
There was the within verbal Will of Amos James
Recorded in Book A Page 89 & 90.

Field Tammor Clerk.

William
Gilbert
No. 12. July the 18th day 1827 In the name of God
Amos. I William Gilbert of Dickson County
and State of Tennessee being weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory blessed by the
almighty God for the same, do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form following, that is to say,
First of all I bind to my beloved wife Nancy
Gilbert the land and plantation whereon I now
live until my son Henry Madison Gilbert
comes to the age of twenty one years, then one
half to her during her natural life. Also I bind
to my beloved Wife one Negro woman named
Sue during her natural life and then I give
the said Negro Sue to my son Thomas Gil-
bert and his heirs forever. Also I bind my
wife one Negro man named Jeffy until
my son Mathias Gilbert comes to the age of

William twenty five years and then I give the said Negro Jeffy Gilbert to my son Nathan and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever, but if he die without heirs lawfully begotten of his then the said Negro to return to my son Mabel Gilbert and his heirs forever.

I also lend to my Daughter Temperance Gilbert One Negro girl named Mary during her natural life and then I give the said Negro to her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever and if the said Temperance should die without a lawful heir then the said Negro Mary I give to my son Nathan Gilbert and James Monroe Gilbert to be equally divided between them or their heirs also the increase of said Negro I also give all of my land on the west side of Pine Creek to my son Henry Madison Gilbert Gilbert to his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns after the death of my wife. I also give my son Henry Madison Gilbert One Negro woman named Panny and One Negro Boy named Sam to him and his heirs forever, but if he should die without an heir or heirs lawfully begotten of his body then the above named Negroes is to return William Gilbert, Nathan Gilbert & James Monroe Gilbert and be equally divided among them all Also the increase of the said Negro if any to be divided between William Gilbert, Nathan Gilbert & James Monroe Gilbert and their heirs Administrators and assigns forever (that is the first time) then if any increase after then the said Henry Madison Gilbert is to keep them to himself his heirs Executors and Administrators forever. I also give to my son Mabel Gilbert One Negro girl named Annals to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give my son William Gilbert Ten Dollars. I give my son William Gilbert One hundred acres of my new Entry land on the west side of said land also one Cow

William I also give my son Nathan Gilbert fifty acres of land entered under the mining law, also two hundred acres of my new entry lands followed from me and fly and one feather bed and furniture. I give my son Henry Madison Gilbert One hundred acres of my new Entry lands where my son Nathan pleases to let him have it also One feather bed and furniture. I also give my Daughter Temperance which she claims both proper furniture. I also lend my wife all my household furniture, farming utensils and all of my stock after my die are paid except what I have otherwise parted with. I give my son Henry Madison Gilbert the horse which he now claims One bridle and saddle. I also give my Daughter Temperance Gilbert One horse where my wife can best spare it. I inform my Executors to sell at private sale that which they think can best be spared to pay my debts. I also give my son William Gilbert Six acres of land reserved for the Mill seat. I do utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Will or Wills made before this time named, ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here set my hand and seal this day and date above written. I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Gilbert Thomas Gilbert and Mabel Gilbert my Executors.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of us
William Armstrong
Henry R. Legget
Richard Lockie

William Gilbert (Jr)

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and quarter Session
Dickson County January Term 1828.

This is as this last paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Gilbert deceased produced in open Court and proved

William by the oaths of Henry R. Legget and Richard
Gilbert Cooke two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the
same was ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Just Field Tamar flock of
said Court.

State of Tennessee Docketed July 18th 1828.
This was the last Will and Testament of William
Gilbert. Recorded in Book A Page 90. 91. & 92.
Field Tamar flock.

William
Gilbert
1828
January the 6th day 1828. In the name of God
Amen. I Martin Loftis of the County of Dickson
and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life and being of sound mind and
memory blessed be God for the same do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following, that is to say,
First my just debts is to be paid, Secondly I
bequeath to my loving wife Theresa Loftis all
my estate both real and personal during her
life or widow hood, then after her death I will to
my son William Loftis that tract or parcel of
land that he now lives on during his lifetime
and after his death to be equally divided be-
tween his three children, to wit, William Sam-
uel M. and Francis Loftis. Also to my son-in-
law Andrew Beard I bequeath one dollar. Also
to my Daughter Phoebe W. One horse. Also to
my Daughter Rilla E. One horse. Also to my
son William my three Negro boys, namely, James
Jony and Peter also the tract of land that I now
live on containing one hundred and sixteen acres
and half. Also the balance of the horse, cows
Pigs and Sheep, also all my household and
kitchen furniture and farming tools. Also if
I own my Negro woman Milla at my death
I will and bequeath her to my wife Theresa
Loftis to dispose of as she pleases. I also appoint
Josiah Thornton my Executor and my loving wife

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Martin
Loftis
1828
Martin's Executor of this my last will and Testament
hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
and date above named. Signed sealed published and
declared by the above named Martin Loftis to be
his last Will and Testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our names and names
in presence of the Testator
Josiah Thornton
Joseph M. Gray
Richard Thornton
Josiah Thornton Adm.

Martin's Executor (Jr.)

At the October Term of the
County Court of Dickson 1826
Josiah Thornton and Josiah
Loftis appeared for Probate the
said papers purporting to
be the last Will and Testament of Martin
Loftis deceased whereupon Elisha Smith and
William Loftis opposed the probate of said
papers offering that it was not the last Will
and Testament of said Loftis and requested the
Court that an issue of Divis and admons be
made which was accordingly done which fact is
to be submitted to a Jury of the next Court
whether it is the Will of said Martin Loftis
or not and the Executors say it is the last Will and
Testament and of this they J. P. Chatham also
put themselves on the Court for Smith & Co.

Collector & other
and the plaintiff doeth the like

Chatham for plff
And at July Term 1827 the parties came as follows
Josiah Thornton Executor & This day came the
Therese Loftis Executor for parties by their attorneys
Martin Loftis dec. and thereupon came a
Jury of good lawful
men, to wit, Thomas
C. Smith, William Smith
Elisha Smith and
William Loftis
Josiah Thornton, William Adams, Mimsford

Martin Smith, Richard Minick, Samuel M. Cannon, Absalom Barker, Nehemiah Scott, John Mackay, William Quinn, Jesse Alexander who being dead, lived and were the first to speak upon the issue joined upon their oaths do say this as the last Will and Testament of Martin Lefler deceased. It is therefore ordered by the court that said last Will and Testament of Martin Lefler do be admitted to records as the last devisor and that said Executor and Executors be permitted to enter into bond and security and qualify according to law as Executors of the same. I Judge James Clark of Jackson County first do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings had in said Court on said Will. Given under my hand this 15th July 1828 Judge James Clark of the State of Tennessee. I do so forth July 15th 1828. There was the last Will and Testament of Martin Lefler deceased recorded in Book of page 93 94 & 95.

John Reynolds In the name of God Amen. John Reynolds son of the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee, being old and weak in body but of sound mind and memory do this 22nd day of July in this year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty five make and publish this my last Will & Testament revoking all other of my former Wills and in witness and form as follow. First It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate. Secondly I wish my beloved wife Susannah Reynolds to have full and entire possession of the plantation where I live including the small tract George Martin formerly lived during his natural life or widowhood I also wish she may be allowed an ample support for herself and my two children for the present year out of what is already laid up, or may be made for that purpose. I also give her forever her choice of any two of my work horses. I also leave her my negro man Gilly during his natural life or widowhood to further the support of herself and my two children. I also leave her my negro man Isaac for the same purpose giving my Executors the right to retain them on the plantation or hire them out as they may deem most expedient for the interest of my children. I wish my Executors to retain in the family

and in the possession of my wife during her widowhood every thing necessary to carry on the farm either in farming tools, stock of all kinds, household goods and kitchen furniture with my own and so fast provided my just debts can be paid otherwise I also wish my Executors to dispose of all surplus property towards the payment of my just debts on the terms they may think most advantageous for my heirs. It is my will and desire my Executors pay still attention to the education of my children and that they remain under the direction of their mother during their minority or her widowhood. Should my wife marry again my Executors may continue my children with their mother or take them from her, using his discretion. It is my will that when my son Thomas because of age he be allowed to have and forever to hold, as his own real right and property, all the aforesaid tract of land as well as the Martin tract forever, but by no means shall he be allowed to distribute his mother during life or widowhood. It is also my Will that my Daughters Nancy have and forever hold as her own property right a small tract of land of thirty five acres more or less known by the Pond tract provided said land be not otherwise disposed of before my death. It is my will and desire that should my wife marry again that an equal division of all my property be made, my lands excepted, between my wife and my two children, my lands my wife will have no share in neither do I wish any accounts made of the Legacy bequeathed her forever. Should any of the above named children die before of age it is my will the surviving child have the dead child's share. Should Thomas and Nancy both die without an heir or an heir or an heir begotten of their own body it is my will their whole tracts share of my estate be equally divided between all my first wife's children, namely, John and Mark Reynolds, Charlotte Livingston, Polly Wilson, Gilly Reynolds, Ebenezer Abery, Dunningway, Alby Smith, Edley McMurry and William Reynolds or their heirs this being the whole and every part and parcel that I allow any of my first wife's children and last named of mine

John Reynolds
sur.
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estate with what they have already received of me and no part of this provided Son Thomas and Nancy or either of them live to enjoy it themselves or have surviving children to inherit their estate and as before under no circumstances whatever shall my wife be disinherited from her peaceable inheritance and support on the land I now live on during her natural life or widowhood should my wife continue and die a widow it is my will and desire that the whole of my estate in her hands be given to Son Thomas and Nancy or their heirs forsover if any surviving children they have if not to be equally divided amongst my first wife's children as above named. Lastly I make and ordain my beloved Wife Susannah Reynolds and my worthy friend Thomas Batson Esq^r of Montgomery County Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Reynolds sur have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed published & John Reynolds (Died) and declared by the said John Reynolds the Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

Wife of Samuel Dickinson County Clerk of said County 1828
Susannah Reynolds Ex^{or} of John Reynolds dec^d
James A. Schmitt
William J. Reynolds
Mark Reynolds
Rep. Messrs J. White, James M. Mitchell, Matthew Campbell, Richard Campbell, John T. Williams

Attest: James Aug. 21. 1826
William Monmouth Aug. 21. 1826
Attest: Wm. Martin Aug. 21. 1826

John William Sumner, William Daniel, William King, George Reynolds - amon Sanders, Thomas Brown, Daniel Moore, who being duly tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the oaths joined upon their oaths do say they find the will in question to be the last Will and Testament of the said John Reynolds sur dec^d whereupon it is considered by the Court that said Will be recorded.

That said James (full of said Court) State of Tennessee, Dickson County, January 1830 to 1830. This was the last Will and Testament of John Reynolds - old dec^d in Book A. page 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102

Richard J. Richards & D. Sumner being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

I now 1st I offer up my soul to God who gave it and my body to be returned to its kindred earth.

I now 2nd It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

I now 3rd It is my will and desire that my beloved Wife Barbara have use of my Negroes viz, Ariston and his wife Venus, my Gray horse, and all my household and kitchen furniture.

I now 4th It is my will and desire that my Executors sell a small tract of land on Goose Creek adjoining as the tract purchased and now occupied by Thomas C. Smith to which I have an equitable right also my Carriage and all my stock excepting the horse already disposed of at said time and place and on such terms of payment as their discretion may suggest and when the money is collected from said Sales I vest my Executors with full power to appropriate the same to the purchase of other property or to loan it on interest for the benefit of my children.

I now 5th It is my Will and desire that the residue of my property be equally divided among my children when they marry or become of age.

I now 6th It is my will and desire that my

Richard's Executors be vested with full power to sell any
D. of the property left to my children which may in
Sanson their opinion be unprofitable and invest the pro-
N^o 45 - ceeds in other property for them or loan it on
interest for their benefit.

Now 5th. Having full confidence in the justice
and prudence of my executors It is my Will
and desire that they have the entire management
of the property of my children with power to move
it from place to place until a division takes place
according to Item 5th.

Now 6th. It is my Will and desire that my two
brothers David St. Sanson and William Sanson
and my uncle Henry A. A. Apier be my Executors
(Witness) Richard D. Sanson

Thos. H. Plafordy

B. C. Robertson

I Richard D. Sanson being of sound sense and
memory do make this as a Supplement to my last
Will and Testament as follows viz. It is my Will
and desire that my beloved wife Barbara be
my Executrix in addition to my three executors already
appointed
Richard D. Sanson

Witness

B. A. Carter

A. M. Hicks

State of Tennessee Dickson County. Last of May
and Easter Session July Term 1828 On the
12th day of the month June was produced in open
Court the within paper writing purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of Richard D.
Sanson dec'd which was proven by the oaths of
Thomas H. Plafordy and Benjamin C. Robertson
subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was
ordered by the Court to be recorded. In
testimony whereof I Field Parrar, Clerk of
said Court have hereunto set my hand at office
this 10th day of July 1828

Field Parrar Clerk

Richard State of Tennessee Dickson County Last July Term 1828
D. 12th day of the month when the within last Will and
Sanson Testament of Richard D. Sanson Dec'd and this
N^o 45

Edict which was produced in open Court and the
said Edict proven by the oaths of A. M. Hicks and
B. A. Carter subscribing witnesses thereto and the
same was ordered to be recorded. In testimony where-
of I Field Parrar, Clerk of said Court have here-
unto set my hand at office this 12th day of July 1828

Field Parrar Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County September 10th 1828
This was the last Will and Testament of Richard D.
Sanson Dec'd was Recorded in Book A page 9899
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Field Parrar Clerk

John State of Tennessee Dickson County I John K
Kathy calling to mind the mortality of all flesh
N^o 46 and being feeble of body but sound in memory
and understanding do ordain this my last Will
and Testament hereby making all other

1st I give unto my beloved wife Peggy (calling her name after natural
life or undischarged all my lands that I am now in
possession of (except fifty acres lying above my son
John Kathy's which I give to my son John
Kathy) The balance of my wife's dower to be equally
divided amongst my five younger sons viz. David
Sanson, Martin and John Kathy, also I give to
my said wife all my personal property after all my
legal debts are paid. Also I give unto my Daughter
Jane and Polly, one feather bed, one fire and salt
to each when they come of age or marry
I also have given to my son George ^{my share} to Andrew one
small horse, and to my Daughter Mary wife of
William G. Austin a cow and calf and further
but they are to have no more of the remaining
property as I consider they have had their share and
rather more when the rest are raised.

3rd I do constitute and appoint Abner Smith
and Peggy my wife my sole Executors &c to

I shew this my last Will and Testament. In Witness
 R. Knuff I sign and seal the same. 10th Day
 of July 1837.
 State of Tennessee Dickson County Court July Term 1838
 There was the within paper coming purporting to be
 the last Will and Testament of John Mcathy
 died produced in open Court and proved to
 be such by the oath of Geo Foyt the a sub-
 scribing witness thereto and the same was
 ordered to be certified accordingly and recorded
 Just Field Farrar Clerk of
 said Court.

State of Tennessee Dickson County January 30th
 1838 There was the last Will and Testament of
 John Mcathy died Recorded in Book
 A pag 103. Field Farrar Clerk.

William Know all men by these presents that I William
 Ganett Gamett swear to make this my last Will and
 Testament being in my body but perfectly sound
 reason being in my proper senses at this time I
 1847 will my soul to God and my body to a decent
 burial. I also wish and desire all of my just
 debts to be paid. All of my property which I have
 in possession of I will and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Sary Gamett during her natural life or
 widowhood at the expiration of either I will
 all the property which she is in possession of to be
 equally divided amongst my children as as to
 give my beloved Son and Daughter William and
 Sary Gamett my two minor children as much
 more than the rest as will make them equal
 with the rest of my children who have a share
 of my property prior to this time. Given under
 my hand this 3 day of July 1838. I shew my
 beloved wife Sarah and my beloved Son William
 Gamett Executors to this my last Will and
 Testament. William Gamett sworn

William Sweet Egan
 Garrett W. Kirgan
 sworn. Henry B. Koon

1847 State of Tennessee Dickson County Court October Term 1838
 There was this paper writing purporting to be the last
 Will and Testament of William Garrett sworn died &
 produced in open Court and proved to be such by
 the oaths of William Kirgan and Henry Koon
 subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was
 ordered by the Court to be certified accordingly
 and recorded. Just Field Farrar Clerk of said Court
 State of Tennessee Dickson County January 30th 1838
 There was the last Will and Testament of William
 Garrett sworn died Recorded in Book A page 104
 Field Farrar Clerk.

Joseph Hall
 1848 I Joseph Hall being in moderate health of body and sound in
 mind and memory and having that all men shall know
 do hereby make and appoint this my last Will and Testament
 in manner and form following, to wit:
 In the first place I give my daughter Mary Kate Sharp of the shi-
 hunk I give to Henry that my grandson the son of David
 Long East and north of what is called the hedge over. In the
 next place I give my grandson Henry three girls Mary Susan
 Mary the land lying North South and west of said bridge
 1800 Also I give one mare and fully also I give seven head
 of cattle also I give fifteen head of sheep. Also I give my stock
 of hogs to three ^{sons} girls Mary Susan & Sary also I further
 appoint my grandson Henry Hall executor of this my
 last Will and Testament done this 22nd day of February 1828
 Signed and sealed in presence of us Joseph ^{his} Hall (J. H.)
 attest Robert Moore Robert Whitcomb

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court January Session 1830
 There was the within paper coming purporting to be the last
 Will and Testament of Joseph Hall deceased produced in open
 Court and proved to be such by the oaths of Robert Moore
 and Robert Whitcomb subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was
 ordered by the Court to be recorded Just Field Farrar Clerk of said Court.

George Recorded

Rep

N^o 49 State of Tennessee Dickson County February 20th 1830
 Then was the last Will and Testament of George Rep^d recorded
 in Book A page 106 107 108

Enoch In the name of God Amen I Enoch James of the
 James County of Dickson and State of Tennessee do make
 N^o 50 ordain this my last Will and Testament revoking all other to
 which I being very weak in body but perfect in mind
 & memory I ordain my well beloved wife One of
 my ^{and Joseph} ~~executors~~ ^{and his wife} ~~to manage all my business~~ ^{my dear} ~~my dear~~ ^{is}
 for my well beloved wife and my other executor to sell
 my land to pay all my debts and if the land ~~should~~
 feel enough to satisfy all my debts for my executors to
 sell as much of the other property such as they think
 best is will be sufficient to pay all my ^{debts} then my
 pleasure is for my well beloved wife to have all of
 the balance to do as he thinks best for her lifetime or
 widowhood then my pleasure is if my well beloved
 wife should marry again then my pleasure is then
 for what property is left for it to be divided amongst
 my children and for my well beloved wife to have a
 child's part with the rest. In testimony whereof I set
 my hand and seal this 25th day of August in the year
 of our Lord 1830

Test James Carter (Jr)

Enoch James (Jr)

John Stafford (Jr)

State of Tennessee Court January Term 1831. Then
 Dickson County was the within last Will and Testament
 of Enoch James do produced in Open Court and
 duly proved to be such by the oaths of James Carter and
 John Stafford subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered
 by the Court to be certified & recorded

Test Field Farmer Clerk
 of said Court

State of Tennessee Dickson County February 18th 1832 then was the
 last Will and Testament of Enoch James do recorded in Book
 A page 105 110 9

Field Farmer Clerk

Elizabeth In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Walker of the
 Walker State of Tennessee and County of Dickson considering
 N^o 51 the uncertainty of this mortal life and being in sound
 mind and memory I do hereby solemnly God for his
 mercies do make and publish this my last Will and
 Testament in manner and form following viz. that
 after my just debts being paid and funeral expenses
 satisfied I will that my free loving Negroes that is
 Deborah Proctor, Simpsen Horton & their increase if
 any should be equally divided between my five lov-
 ing children that is John B Walker, Sarah R Walker
 Margaret R Williams, Mary S Walker, Nancy V Whit
 But it is my will if it be possible that the above
 named Negroes and increase should remain in the
 family and not sold. Secondly I will that my tract
 of land of One hundred and 3/4 acres in the above
 named County of Dickson having the tract where
 I now reside should be sold and also what state
 of hogs cattle &c these may be in my possession
 at my decease should be sold and out of the money
 arising from said sale I give and bequeath to Nancy
 I know one of my deceased daughter Barbara A
 Cramer the sum of One hundred dollars to be held
 by my Executor hereafter named and to be set out
 on interest for the benefit of said Nancy I know
 the interest to be applied in her schooling or in
 any other way that shall appear most beneficial
 for her by my executor until she arrives at the age
 of twenty one or until marriage then to be paid
 over to her both principal and interest or so much
 of the interest as shall remain. Also I give and
 bequeath to Elizabeth I know and Sarah Ann B Cramer
 daughters of my deceased daughter Barbara A Cramer
 each the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid over by my
 executor to my daughter Sarah R Walker for the
 benefit of the above named Elizabeth I know and
 Sarah Ann B Cramer as she may think best and if
 not expended on them before they arrive at the age
 of twenty one or marriage then the whole or

Elizabeth balance as may be to be paid over to them by
Walker, Sarah R Walker, or her legal representative. The
reason that I have made this difference in the lega-
cies of my grand children is that I have expended
considerably already on my two grand daughters
in schooling clothing &c. I also Will that my daughter
Sarah R Walker and Mary S Walker shall have
over and above their part with my other living
children all my household and kitchen furniture
that I may be in possession of at the time of my
decease. Now after the legacies to my 3 grand chil-
dren above named is collected then if there should
be any money remaining of the sale of my land
and stock as above such remainder to be equally
divided amongst my five living children above
named or their legal representatives. I do hereby
constitute my son John B Walker, sole executor
to this my last Will and Testament revoking
all former Wills by me made signed sealed
and delivered by the said Testator to be her last
Will and Testament in our presence who at her
request in her presence and in the presence of
each other have subscribed our names as witnesses
signed sealed this 17th December 1838.

Test A. Caldwell I Elizabeth Walker (Seal)
M. Kiragan S.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court July Term 1830
There was the last written Will and Testament of
Elizabeth Walker, dec^d produced in open Court
and prior to be such by the oaths of A. Caldwell
and M. Kiragan subscribing witnesses
thereat and the same was ordered by the Court
to be certified and recorded.

Test Field Hamer Clerk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee Dickson County July 18th 1832

There was the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Walker
dec^d Recorded in Book A Page 109 110 111

Field Hamer Clerk

Moses
Puffell
1852

In the name of God Amen, I, Moses Puffell of Dickson
County and State of Tennessee being near in body but
of mind and memory considering the uncertainty of
the mortal life do make and publish this my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following that is
to say after the payment of my just and lawful debts
1st I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy
Puffell all of my estate both real and personal
during her natural life.
2nd I also Will that after the decease of my wife Lucy
Puffell that my said man Servant shall not be
bound to serve any of my children but shall be at
liberty to live with which of them he may think proper
and that provision be made out of my estate for his
support if necessary.
Thirdly I give and bequeath to the heirs of my
eldest son Wyatt Puffell dec^d one dollar.
Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eli-
zabeth Horner during her natural life the tract
of land wherein she now lives containing one
hundred acres be the same more or less and
after her decease to George Wyatt Horner and
Ding Austin to be equally divided between them.
I further give and bequeath to my Daughter the
above named Elizabeth Horner the sum of one
dollar I give and bequeath to my son William Puffell
Fifthly the tract of land wherein I now live con-
taining fifty one acres be the same more or less
and all my working tools.
Sixthly The residue of my estate both real and per-
sonal which is not above mentioned I will bequeath
to be equally divided between my daughter Sally Hor-
ner, Lucy Horner, Widow of James Horner dec^d and
Patsy Dunnington and I do hereby constitute and ap-
-point my son M. Puffell and M. Kiragan Barr Ex-
-ecutors to this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all former wills made by me. In witness
testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal
this fifteenth day of October in the year of our

Moses Lord 1830.

Supple signed sealed and acknowledged

1831 in presence of

Eliz. Crow. Eliza Dunnington, Elizabeth Crow

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court April Term 1831

There was the within last Will and Testament of Moses Supple deceased produced in Open Court and proved to be such by the oaths of Eliza Crow. Eliza Dunnington subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be certified and Recorded

Test Field Farnas Clerk

of said Court

State of Tennessee Dickson County Feb 18 1832

There was the within last Will and Testament of Moses Supple dec^d Recorded in Book A page 111 112 & 113

Field Farnas Clerk

Daniel In the name of God Amen I Daniel Williams of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being of perfect mind and memory calling to mind that man is once appointed to die and by these presents do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit,

1st That all my just debts be paid which are but few.
2nd Whereas my estate was by estimation worth nine thousand six hundred dollars, having twelve children which will make eight hundred dollars to each child I leave all of my married children after marriage to wit, Daniel A. Williams Thos. Williams, Joseph Williams, Christian Scott, Mary Kellatrew, George Napier, Thimurish Norworthy, Semilla Napier, Benjamin Williams, Henry D. Williams each of them have Ric^d in good property eight hundred dollars as their share then and their heirs forever

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Richard M. Williams all of my land on the west side of Yellow creek including of the dock place also including of two ten acre tracts adjoining

Daniel the Parker place.

William with I give and bequeath unto my son Henry A. Williams

1831 all of my lands on the ^{East} side of Yellow creek not heretofore given to my son Richard Williams 5th I give and bequeath to my son James Williams a Land Warrant No 1624 issued to me from the War office the 7th day of June 1830 for three hundred acres of land to him and his heirs forever. I also give a negro girl called Melinda all the residue of my property of every description it in my will and desire should be equally divided amongst all of my children and for the executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son Joseph Williams my Executor to execute this my last Will. Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of October 1830

Daniel Williams

in the presence of

Samuel Brown

John W. Scott

Williams Scott

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court October Term 1831

There was the last Will and Testament of Daniel Williams dec^d produced in Open Court and duly proven to be such by the oaths of Samuel Brown John W. Scott subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be certified and recorded

Test Field Farnas Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee Dickson County Feb 18 1832

There was the last Will and Testament of Daniel Williams Recorded in Book A page 113 114

Field Farnas Clerk

Thomas In the name of God Amen I Thomas Ammonds of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being weak in body but sound in mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed unto all men once to die and being

Thomas desires to make some disposition of the earthly treasure which
 God has pleased Almighty God to bless me do make and
 No¹ order this my last will and Testament.

I give and commend my soul unto the Lord who gave
 it me and I desire that my body shall be buried in
 a decent Christian like manner.

Item It is my will that all my just debts be paid
 out of my property and that after my death my executor
 and executor sell so much and such part ^{there} of as may be
 necessary to pay the same.

Item I declare it to be my will and desire that all my
 children have equal shares of my property excluding that
 which I have already given and in order that there
 may be no difficulty in ascertaining the share of each
 one, I hereby declare that I have given to my son
 Garrison Annals one money and property one hundred
 and twenty eight dollars and seventy cents. To my
 son Thomas one hundred one hundred and seventy dollars
 and twenty cents. To my daughter Elizabeth Shopshire one
 hundred and fifty nine dollars thirty seven and a half cents.
 To my daughter Catherine Pagan one hundred and eleven d^{ts}.
 To my daughter Peggy Ege thirty two dollars and
 to my son William Eighty six dollars and fifty cents.
 To the balance of my children I have as yet given no-
 thing. Should it please God to permit me to live for any
 considerable length of time hereafter I intend to give to each
 of my children as have not had until all are equal such
 portions of my property as I can conveniently spare for which
 I will take of them receipts or make some account of it.
 Item At my death my will and desire is that my wife
 have all the property both real and personal to keep and
 hold during her life as widowhood and to sell or use
 so much thereof as may be necessary for the maintenance
 of herself and our children and leaving it to her discretion
 to give to such of our children as have not had any thing
 and to such of them as have had but little so much
 and such portion of my property as will bring them equal
 with our son Garrison.

Item upon the death of my wife my will is that all of

Thomas my property real and personal be sold and that the pro-
 ceeds of said sale be so divided amongst my children as that
 No² each one have an equal share taking into view what they
 or any of them may have already had.

Item In case my wife should think proper to marry after my
 death my will is that she have a child's part of the per-
 sonal property and that she have the use and benefit
 of the farm and place where we now live in conjunction
 with my youngest son Thomas M. during her life.

Item I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Peggy my
 Executor and my co-executors and my friend Alexander
 McKinnis Executor of this my last will and Testament
 in testimony of all which I hereunto set my hand and
 affix my seal the 8th day of March 1831

In the presence of

John Montgomery

Richard Naugh

Thomas Annals
 Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County. Just before noon 1832

There was this the last will and Testament of Thomas Annals
 Annals do¹ produced in open Court and proven to
 be such by the oaths of John Montgomery and Richard
 Naugh subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the
 Court to be entered and recorded.

Just David Parnes Clerk
 of said Court

State of Tennessee Dickson County Clerk's Office Nov. 1st 1832

There was this last will and Testament of Thomas Annals
 Annals do¹ Recorded in Book 4 Page 115 & 116

Just David Parnes Clerk
 of Dickson County Court

John In the name of God Amen or be it remembered that
 Jones I John Jones of the State of Tennessee and Dickson
 No³ being with us body and perfect mind and memory
 or you may say thus considering the uncertainty of this
 mortal life and being of sound & blessed health Almighty
 God for the same do make and publish this my last
 will and Testament in witnesses and form following.
 That is to say first I want as much of my pensable

John property sold as will pay all my just debts. I give to Thomas Jefferson Jones, One Young Sonnet, horse price of thirty dollars, and my next oldest son Irish Jones, John Jones, John Jones Jr. William Jones, James Madison Jones. I want that these my sons to have a home at the years of minority equal in value to thirty dollars. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Jones all my Land and personal property during her lifetime or widowhood and then to be equally divided among all my sons. I hereby appoint Jane Jones sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two

I give sealed, published and John Jones *End*
dictated by the above named
John Jones, to be his last Will
and Testament, the presence of,
us who at his request and at
his presence have hereunto
subscribed our names as Witnesses
to the same John White
Samson Myers
William Morris

State of Tennessee, Jackson County Court, January Term 1833.
John White, purporting to be the
son of John White, Son of Myers and William Morris
did produce an open Court and prove to be such by the
oaths of John White, Son of Myers and William Morris
subscribing Witnesses, thereto and ordered by the Court to
be certified and recorded. Test Field Parrar Clerk
of said Court.

State of Tennessee, Jackson County Clerk's Office, July 12th 1833.
There was the foregoing last Will and Testament of John Jones,
as Recorded in Book A Page 116 & 117.

Elizabeth. In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Richardson of the
Richmond County of Jackson, and State of Tennessee, forseeing the
Necessity of death and being of sound and disposing

Elizabeth mind and memory do publish make and ordains the following
Richardson as my last Will and Testament that is to say

Item It is my Will and desire that after my funeral expenses are
paid that my Executor hereinafter named should pay all
my just debts.

Item It is my Will and desire that my daughter Polly
Richardson shall have my Bureau and Dress and
Bedstead and Bed Two pair of Sheets, one pair of Blankets
half dozen silver spoons, a pair of silver wearing of, a pair of
and one Box of soap

Item I hereby give to my Grandson Andrew N. Richardson
son of my son Stith Richardson, One Silver Teapot, one
large Silver Ladle, and half dozen Silver Table Spoons One
Pew and Gaster One large Glass bowl, One Silver Watch
and Claybank Coloured horse and one small Colt

Item I hereby give to my grand daughter Rebecca A
Richardson daughter of Stith Richardson, One Bed, two
pair of Sheets, one pair of Blankets, one Bed Quilt and
one Quilted cover

Item The residue of my Estate whether the same consists
of property or debts due me at the time of my death
due by bond or otherwise I give and bequeath to my
grand children, Andrew N. Richardson, Harriet Henry
Richardson, Rebecca Ann Richardson, Mary A. Rich-
ardson, Edward Richardson, Thomas & Richardson and

Richardson, sons and daughters of my
son Stith Richardson, to be among them equally divided
or expended in their maintenance and education
as my Ex. to may deem best my said Executor being
hereby directed to apply the same to said purposes and
no other.

Item I hereby appoint my said son Stith Richardson
my sole Executor and hereby direct that he shall
not be required to give any security for the admin-
-istration of my estate.

In Witness whereof I hereby make, publish and declare
this to be my last Will and Testament hereby re-
-voking all former Wills by me made. This 11th day
of October 1832. Witness my hand and seal
Signed sealed, Elizabeth Richardson *End*

I give sealed, published and John Jones *End*
dictated by the above named
John Jones, to be his last Will
and Testament, the presence of,
us who at his request and at
his presence have hereunto
subscribed our names as Witnesses
to the same John White
Samson Myers
William Morris

Elizabeth published and declared in
 Richardson presence of us
 N^o 56. John St. Marable J.
 Joseph Kimble J.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court January Term 1853.

Then was this paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mrs Elizabeth Richardson produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of John St. Marable and Joseph Kimble, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be so certified and recorded.

Test Child Samuel Fisk of said Court.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court July 12th 1853.

Then was the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Richardson produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of John St. Marable and Joseph Kimble, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be so certified and recorded.

Test Child Samuel Fisk of said Court.

Ransom to the Name of God Amen. I Ransom Ellis of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being aware in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in form and words following, to wit:

First It is my Will and desire that my Executors hereafter mentioned shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my estate.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy M. Ellis One Negro Woman named Kitty with her future increase to dispose of as such remains as she may think proper to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly I bequeath to my wife the tract or parcel of land which I have lately purchased in the County of Dickson during her natural life or widowhood or until my youngest child shall at the age of twenty one years. My Will and desire is that my Executors sell the land or such tenor as they shall think best and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my wife and children all of which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Fourthly I bequeath to my wife Nancy M. Ellis all the rest

Ransom of my Estate of every description during, his life or widowhood or until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty one. It is my Will and desire that the portion of the Estate I leave my wife shall be equally divided between my wife and my children all of which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my brother Shaver Ellis and my worthy friend Willie Bulthoff Executors of this my last Will and Testament with power to execute the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto (recording all former Wills by me made) set my hand and seal this second day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty two.

Signed sealed and published Ransom Ellis Test

in the presence of

Stitt Richardson

John Dye

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court April Term 1853

Then was this paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ransom Ellis produced in open Court and proven to be such at the last October Term of the Court by the oaths of Stitt Richardson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time by the production of an open Court of the deposition of John Dye the other subscribing witness to said Will which was then ordered by the Court to be so certified and recorded. Then came Willie Bulthoff one of the Executors named in said Will and exhibited into Court and security satisfactory to the Court and qualified accordingly.

Recorded in Book A Page 119 this 17th April 1853.

St. Farris Clerk

George In the Name of God Amen. Be it known that I Davidson George Davidson of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health but of sound memory and in my proper senses do make this my last Will and Testament as follows, to wit: After my death my