

possession during their lifetime and at the death of any of my children the proceeds of the negro property are to belong to their children and the legal rights and title to each distribution shall remain alone inviolate in my children's children to hold the same against any demands that may be made against my lawful heirs and after making the above disposition of my property it is my last request that my beloved son L. R. Simpson and R. D. Simpson for the appointed my Executors be vested with full authority to execute the intentions of the above will in a full and ample manner according to instructions whereof I have this day set my hand and seal this the 29th day of January AD 1847
 L. R. Simpson R. D. Simpson
 Joseph Cooper A. J. Simpson
 Alison House John W. Smith
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I do certify that the within willth Testament is my last will and Testament given under my hand and seal the 29th of Jan 1847
 L. R. Simpson R. D. Simpson
 Joseph Cooper A. J. Simpson

State of Tennessee 3rd County Court Aug Term 1847
 Transfere County John the last will and Testament of R. D. Simpson was produced in open Court for probate and thereupon came Alison House & Joseph Cooper two of the subscribers witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn depone and say that they are acquainted with R. D. Simpson on the Testament and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of acknowledging the same in their presence to his last will and Testament and that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in presence of him as ordered by the Court that said last will and Testament be recorded as the law directs
 Witness Sherrod Williams Clerk of said Court at office Aug 2nd 1847
 By John Triggall Sec.

James Hood's
 Will

State of Tennessee Transfere County November 20 1837 In the Name of God Amen I James Hood of County & State above written do make this my last will and Testament 1st It is my will that my just debt be paid honorably and that none of my black folks be sold 2nd I give my beloved wife my land & all property that I may have at my death and not disposed of in this will during her life so unable her to give my children fifteen hundred dollars worth of property as they come of age or marry and that she value the black folks as myable to those that I have given my other children that are married 3rd I give my mother during her life Richmond

wife known by the name Mary for use and benefit & whereas
 my son John Estess is dead & having given him one thousand
 and thirty five dollars in property at a low price as charged on
 my bond and he having but one child and he having a
 considerable property it may well that his heirs get no
 further decision of my estate 5th & whereas he Charles Cornett
 married my beloved daughter Patsy and I have given him property
 as charged on my bond at a low price to the amount of
 thirty three hundred dollars and given him a stock worth two
 hundred dollars more so my will that he get no more until
 all the children gets as much as he has got and after my death
 and my wife there be an equal division amongst my children
 to where as you at an Gibbons married my beloved daughter Abigail
 and having given them property as charged on my bond at a low
 price to the amount of one thousand and fifty four dollars I
 leave it as customary with my wife whether she gives his
 widow any more or not until an equal division takes place
 after our deaths 7th & whereas I have given hundred and fifty
 dollars charged on my bond to my son John Hood I leave
 it as customary with Patsy whether she gives him any
 more or not until an equal division takes place after
 our deaths 8th & it is my will that the negroes given my son
 Andrew Hood and my daughter Hannah at Reed Hood light heart
 Hannah Hood be sold to them at a low price whether
 they marry or be come of age as they were given them for the
 great attention I paid to them during his widowhood so
 that those negroes long they may have only one equal division
 of my estate 9th & if my wife and myself should both die before
 half our children be raised such as has not got a third
 year then and household furniture it is my will that
 they get five hundred dollars a piece more than that
 and married and received their part according to this will.
 It is my will that my wife Patsy be executor of this will and
 that she be not required to give security to the Court
 in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this my last will
 and testament this day and date above written

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James Hood

John H. Leaspie

John Smith

2 County Court November Term 1847

State of Tennessee John the Last Will and Testament of James
 Transpin County Hood deceased was produced in open Court for

probate. Whereupon came John Leaspie John H.
 Leaspie and John Smith the subscribers who being first
 duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the testator
 that he was of sound mind and disposing mind at the time of making
 said will that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last
 will and testament and that they subscribed their names constituting themselves
 request and in his presence thereupon it was ordered by

the Court that said will be recorded as the Law directs.
 Witness Sherrod Williams Clerk of said Court at office November 1st
 1847
 Sherrod Williams Cl.
 By John Foyce D^r

Having Estate In the name of God Amen, I Having Estate of the County of
 Shire Transcend & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory
 do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.
 hereby revoking all other wills by me made: Item my will
 is that my Estate both real and personal after the payment
 of all my just debts be equally divided among all my
 Children to wit Rebecca Platter Elizabeth Brainerd Jefferson Estelle
 Elizabeth Jane Estelle John Willis Estelle Henry Lewis Estelle Isaac
 Estelle Nathaniel Estelle James Knight Estelle Sam Houston
 Estelle and my beloved wife Nancy Estelle shone & shone alone and
 should my wife Nancy decessit from this provision of my
 will that my will is that such part of my estate as
 she may be entitled to by Law and by descent from my
 will may obtain over and above all child's part thereof is to
 be deducted from the share of my children for whom she
 is the mother & that my other children receive as though she
 were to acquiesce in the provisions of my will. Item
 my will is that all my negroes except Peter and Lucy be
 placed upon my slave fields & tract of land to him and
 occupy the same for twenty years under the direction
 and control of my Executor & paying annually of the profits
 of their labor to the use of my estate in the hands of
 my Executor may deem reasonable & shall direct with
 the advice and consent of my representatives hereafter to be
 mentioned and at the end of the said twenty years all of
 said negroes & their children to be hereafter born are to
 be free and are to have the said tract of land absolutely
 as their property should the Laws of the Country permit
 this provision of my will to take effect & should the
 Laws and customs then to be force here remain in the Country
 then my will is that my Executor continue to manage and
 superintend them as before provided but they are to have
 the entire profits of their labor except so much as my
 Executor may be entitled to as compensation for his trouble
 & for the payment of their taxes & the taxes of the land which
 amount is to be designated by my representatives or a
 majority of them Item my will is that my negro man Peter
 be hired out to work for his trade for better by year & that
 my death the proceeds of his hire to go into my estate but
 at the end of said twenty years my will is that he be subject
 to all the profits & that be conferred on my other negroes
 also direct that come he taken to him Peter to husband