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 General benefit and good of my family until some one of the children
 marry after which they release their position
 Joseph Aschlin *End*

I John H. Hedder of the County of Transverbe ^{and} State of Tennessee
 do make this my last will and Testament: (1) I have charge of Education
 hereafter mentioned to collect the debts due me out of the
 first collections and the cash on hand to pay all debited amounts
 against my estate; (2) I have my wife Catharine Hedder during her
 life the tract of land on which I reside together with the
 following slaves Henry & his wife Abiah and their children Cabb
 Emmanuel little Henry Adeline Julia Martha little Abiah
 & Gabriel and a negro girl Francis; And at the death of my
 said wife said land and negroes and their increase are to be
 disposed of as hereinafter directed (3) I have my wife absolutely
 one thousand Dollars in cash to be paid her by my Executor
 out of the money and with collections which may be made
 after paying my debts I have her all the provisions
 on hand and as much of the stock and farming utensils on
 the place I now live as she may choose to employ in
 cultivating and supporting the place also all my house hold
 & all the furniture & all the rest and residue of my ^{personal} property
 except my slaves; I have it my Executor to sell and apply
 the proceeds as hereinafter directed; I have heretofore given
 to my daughter Frances Henrietta wife of Peter H. Hedder the
 following property (viz) negro man Winston (since dead) a
 negro girl named Jane a negro girl named Abiah and
 a negro boy named Sidney together worth five hundred
 Dollars in cash which property & cash I have John H. Hedder
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 of fifty Dollars and I have it that she shall account for that
 amount received by her by way of advancement when
 she comes to receive the balance of her share of my estate
 it being my intention to make all my children in the
 portion and distribution of my estate as near as equal
 as possible; I have made I have given to my daughter Sophia
 wife of James A. Knowles the following property (viz) cash
 five hundred Dollars a negro woman Lucy and her children
 Eliza & Emily a negro man Gabriel since dead and a negro
 girl Corbin which I have valued at two hundred and
 fifty Dollars and I have it that she shall account for that
 amount received by her by way of advancement when she
 comes to receive the balance of her share of my estate (4)
 In like manner I have given to my daughter Maria wife of
 Helman A. Hedder the following property (viz) a negro man
 named Sam a negro woman Matilda her children Patience

Since said a negro girl of age and which property I have
 estimated at fourteen hundred dollars and I direct that she
 shall account for that amount received by her by way
 of advancement when she comes to receive the balance of her share
 of my Estate. For the purpose of making my other daughter
 Elizabeth and Virginia Holders equal with the others I hereby
 direct to each of them negro slaves to be allotted to them by
 my Executor equal in value to the property I have given my
 daughter Sophia estimating the John H. Gordon stock at its
 price to be paid upon said negroes according to the rate at
 which I have estimated the negroes given to my other daughter
 and my said daughter Elizabeth and Virginia shall account for
 the negroes so set apart to them as so much received by way
 of advancement when they come to receive the balance of their
 share of my Estate & all the above property which I have
 directed in the above bequeathed to my two daughters Elizabeth
 and Virginia Holders together with all the said negroes
 I may hereafter give them; I direct my Executor to convey
 to transfer or that the same shall be vested for their benefit
 upon the following trusts and conditions said negroes and
 their increase are to be held by each of my said daughters for
 her separate use and benefit and not for the use and benefit
 of her husband if she should marry. And at the death of
 either of my said daughters the residue in said slaves &
 their increase is to go to the issue of my said daughter so
 dying that may be alive at the time of her death the issue
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 should issue then living to stand in the shoes of such
 child and to take its portion the distribution that is to be made
 on the death of my said daughter should either of my said
 daughters die leaving no issue then living at the time of her
 death said slaves and their increase are to remain that is to
 my estate to be distributed among my personal representatives
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 marry and my Executor should consider it prudent & safe to
 remove said negroes to be removed I wish him to do so. And
 in the event of attempt should be made to remove said
 slaves without the consent of my Executor they or the trustee
 appointed by them as hereafter directed shall be authorized
 to take possession of said negroes and remove them for the benefit
 of those who may be interested therein my said daughters
 are not to be authorized to sell mortgage or encumber said
 slaves and their increase or their respective interest therein
 in any way whatever, but each of them is to have upon the
 proceeds thereof as it shall accrue and neither of my said daughters
 are to anticipate the hire or labor of said slaves or even

The above mentioned slaves are to remain on my plantation for the
General Sheriff and goods of my family until some one of the children
marry after which they shall have their portion
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I, John W. Holder of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee
do make this my last Will and Testament: (1) I direct my Executor
hereafter mentioned to collect the debts due me and out of the
first collections and the cash on hand to pay all debts and demands
against my estate: (2) I leave my wife Catherine Holder during her
life the tract of land on which I reside to ether with the
following slaves, Henry, & his wife Mariah and their children, Cabb,
Emuel, Little Henry, Adaline, Julia, Martha, Little Mireh and
Gabriel and a negro girl Frank and at the death of my said wife
said land and negroes and their increase are to be disposed
of as my executor directed: (3) I leave my wife absolutely one
third of the cash on hand to be paid her by my Executor out of
the first collections which may be made after
paying debts. I also leave her all the provisions on
hand and all of the stock and farming utensils on the
place I now live on and she may come to employ in cultivating
and superintending the place also all my household and kitchen
furniture and all the rest and residue of my personal property
except my slaves: I direct my Executor to sell and apply the
proceeds as hereinafter directed: I have heretofore given to
my daughter Maria Henrietta wife of Peter S. Decherd the
following property (viz) a negro man Winston (since dead) a
negro girl named Jane, a negro girl named Moriah and a negro boy
named John to ether with five hundred dollars in cash which
I have given to her and I have John's "olders continued" estimated to be
worth about two hundred fifty dollars and I direct that she
shall account for that amount received by her by way of advancement
when she comes to receive the balance of her share of my estate
it being my intention to make all my children in the partition and
distribution of my estate as nearly equal as possible: (5) In like
manner I have given to my daughter Sophia, wife of James A.
Snowden the following property (viz) cash five hundred dollars, a
negro woman Lucy and her children Eliza & Emily, a negro man
Gabriel since dead, and a negro girl Caroline which I have
valued at nineteen hundred and fifty dollars and I direct that
she shall account for that amount received by her by way of advance-
ment when she comes to receive the balance of her share of my estate
(6) In like manner I have given to my daughter Louise wife of
Holmes Buddleston the following property (viz) a negro man
named Sam, a negro woman Matilda, her children Palina & Brice
and a negro girl Margaret which property I have estimated at
fourteen hundred dollars and I have directed that she shall account
for that amount received by her by way of advancement when she
comes to receive the balance of her share of my estate. (7) For
the purpose of making my other daughters Eliza both and Virginia
Holder equal with the others I hereby give to each of them
one negro slave to be allowed to them by my executor equal in value
to the property I have given my daughter Sophia estimating the,
"John W. Holder will contained" price to be fixed upon said negroes
according to the rate at which I have estimated the negroes given
to my other daughters, and my said daughters Elizabeth and
Virginia shall account for the negroes so set apart to them as so
much received by way of advancement when they come to receive the
balance of their share of my estate. (8) All the above property
which I have willed in the above clauses to my two daughters
Elizabeth and Virginia Holder together with all the land and
negroes I may hereafter give them: I direct my Executor to convey
upon the following trusts and conditions, said negroes and their
increase are to be used by each of said daughters for her
separate use and benefit and not for the use and benefit of her
husband if she should marry" and at the death of either of my said
daughters the remainder in said slaves, their increase is to go to
the issue of my said daughters so dying that may be alive at the
time of her death, the issue of any child of my said daughter that
may be then dead having issue then living to stand in the shoes
of such child and to take its portion, the distribution that is
to be made on the death of my said daughter should either of my
said daughters die leaving no issue then living at the time of
her death said slaves and their increase are to revert back to
my estate to be ~~equally~~ distributed among my personal representa-
tives. Said slaves and their increase are not to be removed
from Franklin County without the consent in writing "John W.
Holder's Will continues" of my or my Executor. But if my Daughters
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said negroes to be removed I wish them to do so and in the event
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estimated at fourteen hundred dollars and I have so that
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said negroes and use them for the benefit of those who may be
interested therein, my said daughters are not to be authorized to
sell, mortgage or encumber said slaves and their increase or
their respective interest therein in any way whatever, but each
of them is to live upon the proceeds thereof as it shall accrue
and neither of my said daughters are to anticipate the hire or
labor of said slaves or run in debt on account of it and for the
purpose of having the trusts herein declared and fully carried
into effect my Executor shall hold the title of said slaves & their
increase upon the trusts and conditions aforesaid until they
shall make conveyances to trustees or otherwise in such manner
as to cause the performance of the trusts herein declared and
I wish the deed so made to be recorded in the County wherein
my said daughters may reside that full notice and information
may be given of the manner in which said slaves and their increase
are held" (9) I have already placed in the hands and possession
of my son Richard P. Holder the following property (viz) a
Negro man named William, a Negro woman named Suinia & her two
children Archy and Allen "John W. Holder Will Cont'd" and a
negro girl named Amy which I value at fourteen hundred dollars
the negro woman Suinia has had a child named Rachel since my
son Richard has had her in his possession which which I do not
into the account but I hereby devise to him together with all
the above named negroes to be held upon the trusts & conditions
expressed in item eight of this Will and while he is to
account for as much advanced to him when he comes to get his
portion of the remainder of my Estate. (10) The balance of my
slaves I direct to be equally divided among all my children
the portions that should fall to each of my said children are
to be conveyed to my Executor for the benefit of my said children
during their lives; remainder to their issue in the same mode and
upon the (unknown word) trusts and conditions as are expressed
in the foregoing bequests to Elizabeth & Virginia Holder in the
Eighth clause of this Will at the death of my wife the slaves
and their increase I have bequeathed to her during her life are
to be equally divided among my children and to be held by them
during their respective lives remainder to their issue and to be
conveyed and vested for the benefit of each, upon the trusts and
conditions expressed in the eighth clause of this Will. (12) I
direct all my land not herein disposed of to be equally divided
among my children during their lives, remainder to their issue and
the same may be sold if necessary for the purpose of
partition or if it should be considered for the interest of the
parties concerned or any of them (Holder's Will cont'd) that the
same should be sold and I confide a discretion to my Executor
on this subject and such land or the proceeds thereof are to
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to Richard to be vested in a trustee for his benefit in such manner
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must account for what they received by way of advancement in
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amount herein devised to each and then upon the final distribution
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cluding what each has already received as will make them all
equal (14) to alleviate all difficulty in carrying into effect
the above 13 residuary clause of my Will I have de't memoranda
of property given my children and have put down the value of it
which valuations is to govern in the distribution of the property.
(15) I empower my Executor to execute all necessary conveyances
and do every thing that is requisite to carry the provisions
and trusts of this Will into complete effect. (16) I appoint
Peter S. Dechard sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

To testify whereof I have signed my name and the seal of the Court
of this County at the City of New Orleans this 10th day of May 1856
I have made this my last Will and Testament and I have no other
wishes to express and I have no other property to dispose of
in any way or manner, but as it is to have upon the
proceeds thereof as it shall accrue and neither of my said daughter
are to anticipate the hire or labor of said slaves or run in

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To testify whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
of office this 10th day of June 1854 at New Orleans
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I John H. Hedden of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee
do make this my last will and Testament: (1) I have charge and do
hereafter intend to collect the debts due me and out of the
first collections and the cash on hand to pay all indebted amounts
against my estate; (2) I have my wife Catherine Hedden during her
life the tract of land on which I reside together with the
following slaves Henry & his wife Maria and their children Catherine
Emmanuel Lucile Henry Adeline Julia Martha Lucile Maria
& Gabriel and a negro girl Francis; and at the death of my
said wife said land and negroes and their increase are to be
disposed of as hereinafter directed (3) I have my wife absolutely
four thousand Dollars in cash to be paid her by my Executor
out of the money and with collections which may be made
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the proceeds as hereinafter directed I have heretofore given
to my daughter Francis Henrietta wife of Peter H. Hedden the
following property (viz) negro man Winston (since dead) a
negro girl named Jane a negro girl named Maria and
a negro boy named Edmund together with four thousand
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as possible I do here make I have given to my daughter Sophia
wife of James A. Knowles the following property (viz) Cash
five hundred Dollars a negro woman Lucy and her children
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girl Coroline which I have valued at twenty hundred and
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In like manner I have given to my daughter Lucretia wife of
Lebanon A. Kiddleston the following property (viz) a negro man
named Sam a negro woman Matilda her children Palmera

and a negro girl of age which property I have
estimated at fourteen hundred dollars and I demand that she
shall account for that amount received by her by way
of advancement whereto she comes to receive the balance of her share
of my Estate "I" For the purpose of making my other daughter
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and direct that he be not required to give security for the
Execution thereof. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal 14 day of September AD 1841.

John W. Holder (Seal)

Signed sealed, published & declared by John W. Holder to be his
last Will and Testament in presence of us who signed our names
as Witnesses in his presence and at his request the Testator
being of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of
executing the same.

Nathan Green
Benjamin Decherd
Joseph Miller

State of Tennessee:::County Court October Term 1841
Franklin County::Then the foregoing last Will and Testament of
John W. Holder, deceased was proven in open Court by the Oaths
of Nathan Green, Benjamin Decherd and Joseph Miller subscribing
witnesses thereto and was ordered by the Court to be recorded
in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin
County. Witness my hands at office this 4 day of Oct. 1841 and
was recorded accordingly.. Isaac Estill, Clk.

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are not to be authorized to sell, mortgage or encumber said
slaves nor their families or their property without their
consent and the proceeds of such sale to be paid to the
proceeds thereof shall accrue and neither of my said daughter
nor I authorize the hire or labor of said slaves or their

debts on a certain day and for the purpose of settling the trusts
 herein declared and fully carried into effect my Executor shall
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 to each of my said children are to be conveyed to my Executor
 for the benefit of my said children during their lives
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 trusts and conditions as are expressed in the foregoing bequest
 to Elizabeth Morgan a widow in the Eighth Clause of this will
 11. At the death of my wife the slaves and their increase I have
 bequeathed to her during her life are to be equally divided
 among my children to be held by them during their
 respective lives remainders to their issue and to be conveyed
 and vested for the benefit of each upon the trusts and
 conditions expressed in the Eighth Clause of this will
 12. I direct all my land now herein disposed of to be equally
 divided among my children during their lives remainders
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 purpose of partition or if it should be considered for the
 interest of the parties concerned or any of them (I hereby state) that
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and conditions. 13 All the rest and residue of my property is to be divided among my children the share allotted to be held to be vested in a Trustee for his benefit in such manner as my Executor may direct but in exercising this discretion each child must account for what they received by way of advance in my life time of both real & personal property as well as the amount herein devised to each and then upon the final distribution residuum each shall receive as much including what each has already received as will make them all equal 14 To abrogate the difficulty in carrying into effect the above 13rd residuary clause of my will I have kept memoranda of property given my children and have put down the value of it which valuation is to govern in the distribution of the property 15 I empower my Executor to execute all necessary conveyances and do every thing that is requisite to carry the provisions and trusts of this will into complete effect 16 I appoint Peter & Richard sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and that he be not required to give security for the Execution thereof in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 14th day of September AD 1841

Witnessed by me John W. Holder to his last will and Testament in presence of us who signed our names as witnesses in his presence and at his request the Testator during of sound & disposing mind and memory at the time of Executing the same

John W. Holder

Nathan Green Benjamin Dechard Joseph Miller

State of Tennessee 3 County Court October Term 1841
Franklin County When the foregoing last will and Testament of John W. Holder deceased was produced in open Court by the Oaths of Nathan Green Benjamin Dechard and Joseph Miller subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered by the Court to be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Franklin County Tennessee my hand at office this 4th day of Oct 1841 and was recorded accordingly. Isaac Estlin Clk

State of Tennessee Franklin County 12th Feb 1840 To all whom it may concern: That I Robert Cowan during of perfect mind and memory do this day and date of these presents make and ordain the following devise to my last will and Testament devise I give and bequeath to my son James (viz) James C. Cowan and Robt B. Cowan and Samuel Pharris an equal share and benefits in the land and premises of which I am seized or possessed. Devise 2nd I give and bequeath to my son James C. Cowan my negro boy Jas. C. Devise 3rd I do give and bequeath to my son Robt B. Cowan my negro