

came into court and renounced his rights to the said three
 It is therefore ordered by the Court that James Howard and three sons
 & three be appointed administrators with the three annexed of the
 said Margaret M. Town and who entered into bond with
 David McGowan their security in the sum of twelve hundred
 dollars according to law and qualified accordingly
 Recorded in my office this 2nd day of October 1837
 E Russell clk

In the name of God Amen I John Matheris of the County of
 Franklin and State of Tennessee do hereby ordain and establish the following
 as and for my last will and Testament. First my will is that all my
 just debts be paid by my Executors hereafter appointed as soon after
 my death as practicable. I then I give and bequeath unto Hannah
 Matthews and her children Elizabeth Fidelity Mary Emily Mother and
 such other children as she may have at the time of my decease
 the following real and personal estate to wit two tracts of land situated
 lying and being in the County of Franklin in the Borens adjoining
 the lands of George Gray Day and James Brown east of said tract
 containing one hundred acres and known by the name of the Holme
 tract and the others by the name of the Sherman tract with all and
 singular or the appurtenances to them and their heirs forever subject
 to the condition following that is to say that the said Hannah
 Matthews is to have the use and possession only of said tract of
 land for and during her life and after her death the fee simple
 estate in said land to vest in her said children now living
 or which she may hereafter have and the representatives of such
 as may be died before by her said Hannah with power to furnish
 each of her said children to enjoy each part thereof during his life
 as she may think proper notwithstanding the joint and equal portion
 of each child. I then I give and bequeath unto the said Hannah
 Matthews and her children aforesaid and such other child as she may
 have at the time of my decease the following negro slaves and other
 property to wit. One negro man named Dick and his wife Rachel
 and their six children namely Cynthia Austin Francis George Robert
 and Alfred negro man James and his wife Anne & the issue or
 descendants of the former subject to the same conditions as in the last
 clause that is to say that the said Hannah is to have the use and
 possession of such slaves only during her life and after her death
 the same to be equally divided between her children to them & their
 heirs forever that the said Hannah with the same power of
 distribution amongst her children in her life time as she may
 think proper I also give and bequeath to the said Hannah Matthews
 and her children and their heirs of my stock of horses cattle sheep and
 hogs household furniture and the one half of all other personal estate
 negroes excepted and not herein otherwise disposed of upon the same

condition and used in the same restriction & limitation as herein before
 provided in relation to the said real estate with the same power
 to the said Samuel Matthews to make distribution during his life
 as before given. I have given and bequeath to my son
 Nicholas Theophilus Matthews and Lincolnton Long Matthews and
 their heirs forever the several tracts of land in the County of
 Transylvania on which I at present reside containing about
 four hundred and thirty five acres being the whole of the
 balance of my said land the horses not before disposed
 of also the following negro slaves to wit: one man
 named Elboway & his wife Lucy, one man named George
 and his wife Daphney & three free children namely James Corbin
 Daniel & Solomon one man named Gilbert one man named
 Lewis one man named Harry one negro man named Ed
 one girl named Monah and the residue of the furniture and the
 balance of my personal estate not herein before disposed of
 the whole of said said slaves and other property herein and hereby
 bequeathed to my said two sons to be equally divided between
 them as tenants in common. I have given and bequeath unto
 my son Nicholas Theophilus Matthews and his heirs forever justly
 a tract of land in the County of Transylvania on Point Rock Creek
 immediately below the confluence of Martins & Eschilliford
 three square and bequeath unto my daughter Susannah L
 James wife of John L James and to my son John Matthews
 one hundred and thirty five acres of land in the County of
 Transylvania on Turkey Creek a tract of five hundred to them
 and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them as
 tenants in common. Lastly I do hereby constitute and
 appoint George Gray Esquire John Larner and James Robinson
 Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all former or other wills. In Testimony whereof the said
 John Matthews hath hereunto signed his name and affixed
 his seal this twentieth day of February in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.
 Signed sealed published and declared
 by the testator as and for his last will
 and Testament in the presence of the
 undersigned who subscribed our
 names as witnesses in his presence.
 "I do".

John Matthews (Seal)

State of Tennessee } August Term 1831

Transylvania County } The last will and Testament of John
 Matthews hereunto this day brought into
 Court by George Gray and Michael Seal a subscribing witness
 thereto being duly sworn says that at the time said will
 was made he said testator John Matthews signed seal and published
 the same as his last will and Testament of and that he

subscribed his name as witness in the presence of the Testator and at his request and John Turner George Gray and James Robinson being duly sworn state that the said Will was also signed in their presence and declared by the said Testator to be his last Will and Testament and that John Turner and George Gray were requested by the Testator to sign their names to said Will as witnesses but that they did not do so and that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory when said Will executed & whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded and John Turner one of the Executors named in the said Will refuses to take upon himself the Execution of said Will and whereupon George Gray & James Robinson the other two Executors named in the said Will came into open Court and entered into bond with William Knox and Jacob Tanyard their securities in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars for the due Execution of the said Will and the faithful performance of their duties as Executors and was qualified accordingly whereupon it is ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to the said Executors according to law Recorded in my office this 22nd day of October 1831 E Russell Clk.

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Sherod Williams Successor to the Will. The manuscript Will of Sherod Williams deceased late of Franklin County Tennessee made and executed in his last will on the 12th day of September AD 1831 said deceased said he in the last place he wanted the debts due him collected and all his just debts paid out of debts due him he stated that it was his Will that his wife should have all of his real and personal estate to wit the land & negroes & stock of every description during her natural life or widowhood but if she should remarry then she is only to have her half part of the estate & it was his positive request that two thirds of his property should be raised. Signed and witnessed before me this 18th day of September 1831

Teste
John Linoid Henry A. Knicker

The State of Alabama County Parish of Madison County the 21st day of November 1831. The manuscript Will of Sherod Williams deceased was this day produced in open Court for probate and the reading of the words in said Will contained as well as the master of said Will being at the time of said of sound and disposing mind and memory being duly proved by John Linoid & Henry A. Knicker the Executors thereto according to the following Affidavit &c.