

Hire of  
Oxford  
Holloway

I abide at Holloway of Francine County Tennessee. Being now  
 in my bed in Friday last of April at midday and having so  
 made and ordain this my last will and testament. I wish to give and  
 bequeath to James A. Rice ex my nephew he is to have money  
 with one thousand dollars to be in the hands of a  
 Guardian who I now appoint to be Mr. Elmer the Distressor  
 of which only is to be used for the purpose of educating said  
 James and for other incidental expenses. I also give to the said  
 James my Rides and my Silver Hatchel and Roan Colt  
 that is now about 18 months old and the new Saddle that I  
 purchased for him all of which legacy is to be managed by  
 said Guardian until said James arrives at the age of  
 twenty one years or arrives at which time he is to have  
 possession of all of said legacy. Be it also my will to divide the tract  
 of land on which I now stand by the following lines to wit.  
 Beginning at the foot of East River just above the mouth of Cass  
 Creek running with the Road as it now runs no longer  
 stopping White Oak corner to Ed Robbins and myself thence westward  
 due to a white oak standing near the North East  
 corner of my gun house there to a side road standing on  
 the South east of my front stable from the house thence  
 west to the King's path thence west so far to within  
 three rods of the spring there a south to my line of boundaries  
 North boundary line I stand I give to my wife Jane Holloway  
 all that tract of land lying South and West of the above  
 described lines to the River Elmer and Amanda his wife now of  
 Lee county Tennessee all the tract of land lying North and East  
 of the above described line. Further it is my will and desire  
 that the yellow clay by the names of Lebanon and Lyle and all  
 whereof are now by Stones that shall be and remain Stones  
 to my wife during her life or widow hood that upon  
 the Conclusion of her widowhood good Consideration and faithfulness  
 to her that at her death they be entitled to their freedom  
 and that they be divided with her a sufficient sum be raised  
 to defray all expenses and send them to Liberia at the discretion  
 of my Executor herein after named & if it is my will Ed  
 Robbins that the boy should by the name of Elijah have one of  
 my slaves he shall do after my death herewith to the  
 possession of Mr. E. C. Lester & kept by said Lester until he is  
 twenty one years of age and then be given to him  
 provided he works but till a sufficient sum be raised  
 to defray all expenses and be sent by my Executor to Liberia  
 but it is my will and desire that after the payment of all  
 just debts that all the money bond notes and all my property  
 having description both real and personal shall be sold  
 the negroes that are not here set free being equally divided  
 between my wife Jane Holloway and Mr. Elmer immediately  
 after my death and that portion of my Estate that goes to my

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My wife and the above named division together with the rest of such  
 herein named be and remain the property of my said wife and at  
 her death disposed at her death to give the same to her heirs who  
 may please with the exception of three thousand dollars which  
 I wish my executors to control for the benefit of Ann and a  
 M. Parsons the wife of Joseph Parsons and Dennis A. Pitcock and James  
 A. Pitcock which is to be distributed between them in the  
 following manner to wit. I wish James A. Pitcock to have two  
 thousand and dollars and Ann and a M. Parsons five hundred dollars  
 and Dennis A. Pitcock four hundred dollars which last named  
 difference sum with the other part of the legacy that falls  
 to my wife Jane Holloway in the above named division.  
 I also appoint my friend Brown Gregory of Franklin County  
 my attorney of fact of Lenawee County my executors with full  
 power to carry out the provisions in this my last will and  
 Testament.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of *Elijah D. Robbins*  
*R. C. Parsons* the 17 day of July in the year of our Lord 1854

Courtesy August Term 1854

Given the last three and Testament of Oldeah Holloway  
 died in as prescribed to court for probate and duly proven by  
 the oaths of Elijah D. Robbins & R. C. Parsons the Subscribers  
 witnesses thereto. Witness my hand at office August 25 1854  
*A. L. Taylor* esq.

Robt. Comell September the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1854 State of Indiana Franklin  
 County, I Robert Comell here <sup>do</sup> by make my property  
 as follows I will Envily and Rehine Comell my brother of  
 said home. I want Envily to have a home on it as long  
 as she lives and then to Rufus Comell this home. I also will  
 to Envily my barrel of fish and a saddle and a coat and calf and  
 enough of present crop of corn and hogs for a year's support  
 of her & hogs enough for another year and James  
 H. Dawson his son to get his mother post and I want  
 the balance of my property to be equally divided among  
 the the children of my children and I furthermore that the  
 said James H. Dawson a bed and Bed clothes and a horse  
 bridle and saddle and a coat and calf and a nice quantity of  
 clothes. I assign the above as my last will and Testament  
 for A. G. Brandon  
*J. McShoos*

Courtesy Court November Term 1854  
 Given the last will and Testament of Robert Comell do c was presented  
 to court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of A. G. Brandon  
 & J. McShoos of the Subscribers living witness thereto and ordered to