

for probate and thereupon came James Plowman and the Lessor
the sales including witnesses thereto who being first duly
sworn depose and say that the Deed was of sound
and disposing mind at the time of publishing the same
and that they sales include their names as witnesses thereto
at his request and on his promise, whereupon it was
ordered by the Court that the same be recorded as its
law directs. Witness Sherrod, William Cross of our
said Court at office July 5th 1847

Sherrod There annexed
By John Triggell D.C.

Rice Simpson
Hill

Know all men by these presents that I Rice Simpson of the County
of Franklin and State of Tennessee hereby make this my last will
and Testament and in view of the duty of parents to their children
and the justice of the manner of providing I make the following dis-
positions of my property. I give all my property to my wife
Rachael Simpson and that I may be possessed of at my death
both personal and real to remain as her property until she departs
with the exception of the land and negroes bearing her natural
life or widowhood for her benefit and the negroes and land are
to remain in her possession and she is to have the benefit
of the same during her natural life or widowhood.
Furthermore after the death of my wife Rachael Simpson it
is my wish and will that I Simpson my youngest son
have the land and promise that I am now possessed of
after paying L. Simpson and Thomas Simpson two dollars each.
At the death of my wife Rachael Simpson it is my will that
my lawful heirs have an equal share of all my personal
property after having had good provision made to them
said property to them that is the loose property may be sold
and the proceeds to be divided amongst said heirs. I want
Polly Lasater Johnathan Lister's wife Benjamin Poko Samuel
Poko's wife and Neoma Rogers Hacton Rogers wife to have one
negro girl each to be valued to them at the day of sale or
when convenient after the death of my wife Rachael Simpson
I also want my son John Simpson to have a negro girl upon
the same conditions of my three daughters they are to have
the use of said negro girls their lifetime and then the right
thereof falls to their children and shall remain in their
possession and no person shall have power to sell said
negroes until their children after they become of age and if the
negroes my girls get are worth more than the share
I want to my sons they are to pay an amount to my sons
enough to make the shares of my sons and by my son
George Foman's wife equal and after my negroes are valued
and among my lawful heirs I want them to remain in their

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. H. 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. H. Simpson
 Joseph Cooper
 Alison House
 John W. Smith
 Codicil

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. H. Simpson
 Joseph Cooper
 R. D. 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 2
 1847
 By John Triggell Sec.

State of Tennessee Transfere County November 20 1847 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 blood be lost 2nd I give my beloved wife my last and 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 portion husband dollar worth of property as they come of age or marry and that she value the blood falls as my debt to those that I have given my other children that are married 3rd I give my mother during her life Richmond

James Hood
 Will