

proves insufficient to pay for the plantation that I purchased
of John Thigford then askin that case as much or any part of my
personal estate that my son James Edward Thomas Morris may
think proper I desire him to sell to effect that purpose and
after my debts are paid my personal estate to be equally divided
amongst all my children. I appoint Marshall McQuinn and
John McQuinn my Executors to act as such until my son
James Edward Thomas Morris be come of age and when he become
of age I appoint him my Executor to dispose of my property
as above designated and desire of this Court in neither case
to require security of my Executors. Signed sealed and
subscribed this the first day of October in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty three
in the presence of

James Fagg
George Thompson

James B. Morris (Seal)

State of Tennessee. At the Court of pleas and general session
held for Franklin County on the 21 day of November AD 1834
the last will and Testament of William B Morris deceased was
produced in Court by the Executors therein named and thereupon
came James Fagg and George Thompson subscribing witnesses
therein and being first duly sworn depone and say that the
said deceased William B Morris declared and published this as
his last will and Testament and at the time of signing the
same he the said William B Morris was of sound and disposing
mind and memory and that he signed the same in their
presence and they as Witnesses thereunto signed the same in his
presence and at his request. Whereupon it is ordered by
the Court that the same be recorded. In testimony whereof
I William B Hagoner Clerk of said Court have hereunto subscribed
my name at office on the day and year aforesaid
Recorded in my office this 16th of November last
day of January 1835 -
W B Hagoner Clerk

This is
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In the name of God Amen. I Stacey Estlin Sen of the County
of Franklin in the State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner
& form following viz I depose & resign my body to the Grave
until it shall be quickened by the same spirit that raised
our Lord and Savior from the dead and as to my Soul I am with
full confidence say Lord Jesus receive my spirit into that
Paradise which thou hast promised to all them that love
and put their trust in thee Amen. My will is that my
Executor herein after appointed retain possession of all my estate

both real and personal for three years after my decease for the
 use and purpose following to wit: the profits of the estate are to be
 applied towards the payment of my debts until my debt I may possibly
 owe shall have been extinguished and to the the payment of the
 amount of the debt in the Massachusetts Bank for which I am bound
 with my son Harris as also my son Harris debt in the Bank of
 the State of Tennessee and the balance of any after supporting the
 family to comport part of my estate provided however that my
 Executor may sell any part of my estate whether real or personal
 for the payment of any of the debts aforesaid should he deem it
 expedient to do so and provided also that the advice and consent of
 my representatives hereafter named or any one or more of them
 whose advice can be procured be first obtained: Item 2^d my
 will is that after the expiration of three years from the time of my
 decease my Executor shall remove my negroes aboves to my
 tract of land on Broad Street and lay off one hundred and fifty
 acres thereof taking the upper end adjoining the land of Helman
 King and if my Executor shall think proper he may lay off fifty
 acres more at his discretion in a lot or lots in such way
 as to be most convenient to the balance of the tract which said
 tract or parcel of land I hereby give to my Executor in trust for
 the use therein after mentioned to wit my said negroes one to
 reside and labor on said land under the superintendence and
 control of my Executor the said form or forms paying annually
 to my estate such sum as my Executor with the advice of my
 representatives or such of them whose advice can be procured
 may prescribe the balance of the proceeds thereof to be applied
 towards the maintenance comfort and improvement of the minds
 & morals of the said Slaves and their offspring for the space of twenty
 years during which space of time it is my will that the
 said Slaves be strictly subject to the authority and directions of
 my Executor submitting with all patience to corporal, notwith-
 standing with other Slaves nor in any wise influencing their
 minds against those who have the rule over them notwithstanding
 in all humility and obedience until the power of the Gospel shall
 bring salvation and deliverance to their fleshly servants and
 during which time they are to be restricted from trafficking
 or intercourse with the dress state and visited whether white
 or black whereby they may be improved and may be vitiated in
 their morals and that this my will be plainly and deeply impressed
 by my Executor on their minds at the expiration of which
 period of twenty years all the before mentioned negroes and
 their offspring are to be run an cipated and the said land to be
 divided into lots as my Executor may think just and assigned
 to the different families of my negroes for their use forever the
 title thereof to remain in my Executor in trust for them
 provided however that if any of the said negroes during the said
 twenty years should be seen rebellious or refractory or should

to the slaves which my Executors may prescribe for their Government
 then herein that each such of the said negroes are not to be
 unaccepted but one to be used as slaves and the proceeds to be
 applied to my estate and my Executor with the advice of my exec-
 utions of such of those whose advice can be procured is to
 be the judge whether any slave or slaves under this bequest
 shall forfeit his right to emancipation. Item 7 My Will is
 that after the expiration of five years after my said Slaves
 shall have been settled upon the Good Coast said any of them
 may leave to remove to the Colony of Liberia my Executor is
 authorized to emancipate such as may desire to go and send
 them thither provided however that none are to be emancipated
 under twenty years unless they actually remove to said Colony.
 Item 8 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife my negro
 woman Fanny and her two youngest children a boy and a
 girl to dispose of according to her pleasure during her natural
 life but after her decease the said negro Woman Fanny & her
 children are to go to the land on brow brook and be subject to all
 the provisions herein in relation to those of my Slaves who
 are directed to be sent thither

Item 6 I Will that my son Hallis Estate support his Mother as
 long as she may live furnishing her every necessary and
 comfort of life she may need and expending all of the duties therein
 before made to her. Item 9 I give and bequeath my negro
 man slave your Luggage and my negro girl slave Jada
 to my son Hallis Estate and his heirs forever. Item 10 I give and
 bequeath my negro man slave Alex and his wife Matilda to
 my son James Estate to him and his heirs forever. Having
 already made advance to my son James in money and property
 to a considerable amount I consider this devise to be
 sufficient for him. Item 9 I give and bequeath to my Grand
 daughter Abigail Ann Estate all legitimate Child of my Son
 John Estate did one negro woman named Whitty to her and
 her heirs or the value of said negro in money as on any sum
 lent to my Executors. Item 10 I give and bequeath to my
 two grand Daughters children of my son Isaac Estate
 did said two negro namely the two eldest children of my
 negro woman Esther one to each of my said grand Daughters
 or the value of said negroes in money should they die before I give to the eldest of my said grand Daughters and
 the other negro girl named Bonilla to the youngest of my
 said grand Daughters or the value of said negroes in money should
 my Executor think best provided my said Grand Daughter should
 marry with the Consent of my Executors Item 11 It is my Will
 that all the negroes herein specifically devised remain subject to
 the Control of my Executors for the space of three years after my
 decease or until all the debts herein before directed to be paid
 shall be fully satisfied Item 12 I give and bequeath to the children
 of my son Isaac Estate part of my tract of land on Browns Creek

including that part where my son Isaac's widow and children
 now live adjoining the land of Peter Roe and a tract conveyed
 by me in trust to Hallis Wilson beginning in a corner standing
 in the South boundary line of my tract said corner situate near
 to Peter Roe's house and running a South Eastwesterly course with
 the line of said tract conveyed to Hallis Wilson to the north of a share
 leading from Reuben Scovener to Archibald Hatcher's thence up
 the middle of the lane leading to Scovener's to the further end
 thereof thence a South East direction to my East boundary line thence
 South to the corner between my land and that of Jacobiah Brown's
 and with the line between my land & Brown's to a dead black
 oak same point standing in my South boundary line
 thence West to the beginning at the said corner upon a sharp
 point near to Peter Roe's house containing by estimation about
 two hundred acres to the same more or less to them as tenants
 in common and their heirs forever provided however that my
 will is that my daughter in law Flora Estlin widow of my son
 Isaac Estlin deceased live on the said land and make use of her
 home during her life or widowhood and it is my will further
 on this subject that my son James Estlin Executor of this my
 last will have full power and control of the children of my
 deceased son Isaac during their minority in governing &
 conducting the children and managing their estate to the best
 advantage of them & having heretofore made provision for my
 daughter Sally Wilson and her children by various deeds of
 conveyance of real and personal estate I hereby confirm
 unto them all the tract of land the property heretofore conveyed
 for the uses and purposes expressed in said deed and no
 other as a full provision for them & Item 14 I give bequeath
 and devise to my son James Estlin all the tract of land
 upon which I formerly resided and adjoining the land conveyed
 in trust to Hallis Wilson and the lands therein before
 devised to the children of my son Isaac Estlin said being the
 same on which Reuben Scovener now lives to him my
 son James Estlin and his heirs forever provided however and before
 the above condition that my said son James Estlin shall convey
 the tract of land wherein he now resides to some depositee for
 in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Mary Ann Scovener
 and her children forever but if my said son James shall not think
 proper to take the benefit of this devise or make such conveyance
 within six months after my decease then and in that case I devise
 the said tract of land to my Executor in trust for the use and
 benefit of my daughter Mary Ann Scovener and her children joint
 Item 15 I give bequeath and devise to my Grand daughter Eliza Ann Estlin
 illegitimate child of my son John Estlin deceased three hundred
 dollars to be paid her by my Executor but which sum is to be under
 the control of my son James Estlin and may be forfeited should my
 said grand daughter marry contrary to this bequest.

Item 16 I give and bequeath to my three grand Daughters Rebecca
 and Eliza Ellington the children of my son Thos Estlin and Jane Estlin
 viz. I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Estlin two hundred Dollars
 each to be paid by my Executors which is to be under the control
 of my son Thos Estlin and may be forfeited should they be
 either of them guilty contrary to his covenant Item of all my
 land in Kentucky Alabama and Tennessee as also all my personal
 estate not otherwise specifically devised: I desire may be
 paid as soon as convenient after the expiration of three years
 after my decease on such conditions as my Executors may think
 proper and the proceeds after the payment of my Debts and
 such compensation as may be allowed my Executors and after
 the payment of primary specific legacies together with all the
 residue of my Estate I give and bequeath to the children of my
 Daughter Matly Kincaid and the children of my Daughter
 Mary Ann Simons and the children of my Daughter Rebecca
 Kincaid and the children of my son Isaac Estlin I intend to
 be equally divided among them so that each of my grand
 children shall have an equal share thereof: Item 17 I give to
 my son Thos Estlin and my son in law John Martin one negro
 I desire that the negro I bought them should be placed in the
 same situation and be subject to the same rules as are laid for
 my slaves herein directed to be maintained very well is their
 for that with their consent the negro of my son Thos and
 my son in law John Martin be placed on my lands on good
 crops and be subject to all the provisions herein before stipulated
 in relation to those I have directed to be placed there and I
 recommend to all my children to follow the example and behave
 themselves from the reproach of Slavery which is doubtless
 passed with all the benedictions which is poured out by the
 spirit through the John of that Roman whose name is
 Ignatius Solon the mother of Lot and damnation of the
 world God be with double with all the benedictions therein mentioned
 that they may and selling the bodies and souls of men most plainly
 expressed negro Slavery therefore says God covenant from his
 my people that upon the pretenses of their plagues therefore I say
 my children deliver yourselves from the curse of negro
 Slavery that you may save yourselves and your children from
 the Judgment of God Item 18 I hereby appoint my son Thos
 Estlin Guardian for my Grand children and children of my son
 Isaac Estlin and my Daughter Matly Kincaid my Daughter
 Mary Ann Simons and my Daughter Rebecca Martin I desire
 that the said guardian pay over to each of my said Grand
 children their shares respectively as they become of age or marry
 unless some one of my said Daughters should need assistance in
 which must my will is that so much of the portion of the
 children of any one of my said Daughters be appropriated to the
 use and comfortable support of their mother as may be required

for that purpose should it so happen that the Guardian of my said grand children may have paid to each of the children of any one of my said daughters their shares and the mother of said children the same in circumstances to need assistance then my will is that the children of any of my daughters who may be thus situated shall contribute out of the funds here divided to them so much as may furnish a comfortable support for their mother. Item 20 I hereby appoint my friends Nathaniel Benjamin Dechard Peter Dechard David Dechard and Jonathan Dechard my representatives to settle all controversies which may hereafter arise concerning my estate or any bequest herein contained and also to decide upon all such matters as ought herein before referred to them I expressly prohibit any law suit among my children or grand children in relation to any devise herein contained or any right derived under such devise but I will that all disputes of what nature soever be referred to my said representatives whose award or the award of such of them as may be alive or agree to act shall be final and conclusive and my will is that if any of my children or grand children shall refuse to refer any such dispute to my said representatives or shall refuse to abide by their decision and one so refusing shall forfeit the right for which he may be contending and any one of said representatives in case of the absence of the same death or refusal to act of the others shall be fully competent to determine any matter herein referred to them whose decision shall be final Item 21 my will is that my Executor receive such compensation for his services as my representatives may deem reasonable and shall allow him. Item 22 I hereby appoint my son Hallis Estlin sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others I have made Item 23 In case my son Hallis Estlin die before the provisions of this Will be carried fully into effect without making any Will or appointing any Executor then I desire that some one of my representatives who may be selected by the Court to be upon himself the Executor hereof and invested with all the powers hereby conferred on my son Hallis. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of April AD 1828.

Signed sealed and published in presence Hallis Estlin Seal
Gives Nathaniel Dechard.

Michael Storer John Asa Goddison Peter Dechard David Dechard

To all whom it may concern know ye that I Hallis Estlin son of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee having herebefore on the nineteenth day of April AD 1828 made and sealed and published my last Will and Testament and the circumstances of my family having changed and being otherwise dissatisfied with some of the provisions of said Will I do therefore make and publish

this codicil thereto I Thomas in the seventh clause of said will
 have devised to my son Hallis Estill my negro woman Julia
 but in as much the negro man Jim belonging to my son
 Hallis has my negro woman Emy as his wife I therefore
 revoke the bequest in the seventh clause so far as it relates
 Julia to my son Hallis and do hereby give and bequeath to my son
 Hallis my negro woman Emy and her child and their increase
 to him and his heirs forever Item 2 Whereas in the tenth clause
 of my will a negro girl Corilla is bequeathed to the youngest
 daughter of my son Isaac Estill and said girl Corilla
 having died now therefore I give and bequeath to my said
 grand daughter my negro girl Susan daughter of John and
 the same limitations and privileges as were allotted to the former
 devise. Item 3 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly the
 following negroes to wit Tabby Louisa and Rhodeson for and
 during her natural life or widowhood and at her decease
 or in her marriage the said negroes are to go to my Executors
 & to be by them put on the land our estate and be subject
 to all the provisions in my said will in relation to those of
 my slaves who are directed to be sent thither. Item 4 I then
 that my son Hallis support out of my estate in his hands my
 said wife as long as she may think furnishing her every
 necessary and comfort of life she may need independent of
 the devise I have herein before made her upon conditions
 nevertheless that my said wife after my decease consent to live
 with my son Hallis or in such convenient house on his
 plantation as she may select and he may fit up for her
 Item 5 I give and bequeath to the four youngest children
 of my son Isaac and in addition to the provision contained in
 my will but hundred dollars to be equally divided among
 them out of any money of my estate my Executors may
 have not otherwise disposed of or divided away. Item 6
 I hereby constitute and appoint my son James Estill and
 my son Hallis Estill my Executors trusting to their fidelity
 and faithful remembrance of me & faithfully to execute my
 instructions herein expressed. In witness hereof I have
 hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this
 second day of August AD 1831
 Signed sealed and delivered in presence of Hallis Estill (Seal)
 John Nathan Esq. " Thos. Overton and or in marriage
 witnessed before the aforesaid and before me
 P. S. Richard Ford Richard Benjamin Richard

To all whom it may concern Know ye that I Hallis Estill
 son of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee having hereto
 fore on the 14th day of April AD 1828 made and published my last
 will and testament and on the second day of August AD 1831 confirmed
 and published a codicil thereto and now being of sound and disposing mind

and memory and being dissatisfied with one provision of my said Will I do make and ordain this third Codicil to my last Will and Testament by me made on the nineteenth day of April Eighteen hundred and Twenty eight. Item I being into consideration the moral and religious benefit of my negro slaves who by the provisions of my said Will are to reside on my lands on Crow Creek (and being anxious that while their temporary abode is secured it may be done in such way as to promote their moral improvement and their eternal happiness my Will is that the lands on Crow Creek heretofore in my Will done should be laid off for and appropriated to the residence and use of my negroes located by my Executors and the proceeds applied to the purchase of a tract of land on this side the Mountain where my Executors can the better have the oversight and control of said negroes which tract when purchased is to be subject to all the provisions in my said Will in relation to the Crow Creek lands. Item my Will is that my Executors purchase for my said negroes out of my Estate suitable farming implements and tools & carts or wagons so that they may be enabled to maintain themselves and pay to my Estate the sums required of them and to educate their children. Item I give and bequeath to my son Hallis my negro man Peter in place of my said Will who was devised to him and whom I have loved in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of January A.D. 1835 -
Signed Sealed and published in presence of
Jas Nathan Emme, Benjamin Richard
Jas Nathan Emme, Benjamin Richard

I Hallis Estill being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this third Codicil to my last Will and Testament by me made on the nineteenth day of April Eighteen hundred and Twenty eight. Item I being into consideration the moral and religious benefit of my negro slaves who by the provisions of my said Will are to reside on my lands on Crow Creek (and being anxious that while their temporary abode is secured it may be done in such way as to promote their moral improvement and their eternal happiness my Will is that the lands on Crow Creek heretofore in my Will done should be laid off for and appropriated to the residence and use of my negroes located by my Executors and the proceeds applied to the purchase of a tract of land on this side the Mountain where my Executors can the better have the oversight and control of said negroes which tract when purchased is to be subject to all the provisions in my said Will in relation to the Crow Creek lands. Item my Will is that my Executors purchase for my said negroes out of my Estate suitable farming implements and tools & carts or wagons so that they may be enabled to maintain themselves and pay to my Estate the sums required of them and to educate their children. Item I give and bequeath to my son Hallis my negro man Peter in place of my said Will who was devised to him and whom I have loved in testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this fifteenth day of January A.D. 1835 -
Signed Sealed and published in presence of
Jas Nathan Emme, Benjamin Richard
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State of Tennessee: At the Court of pleas and quarter session
 held for Franklin County on the 23rd day of February A.D. 1835
 the annexed last Will and Testament and the three Codicils thereto
 of Hallis Estill Senr deceased was produced in open Court by the
 Executors therein named. Whereupon came Nathan Green, Peter
 S. Richard and Jonathan Richard three of the subscribing witnesses
 thereto who being duly sworn depose and say that the said Hallis
 Estill Senr deceased declared and published this as his last Will
 and Testament and at the time of acknowledging the same he the
 said Hallis Estill Senr was of sound and disposing mind and
 memory and that he acknowledged the same in their presence
 and they as Witnesses thereto signed the same in his presence
 and at his request. Whereupon came Nathan Green, Peter
 S. Richard, Jonathan Richard & Benjamin Richard subscribing
 witnesses to the first Codicil who ^{being} duly sworn depose
 and say that the said Hallis Estill Senr deceased declared and
 published this as his first Codicil to his last Will and
 Testament and at the time of acknowledging the same he the said
 Hallis Estill Senr was of sound and disposing mind and memory
 and that he acknowledged the same in their presence and they as
 witnesses thereto signed the same in his presence and at
 his request. Whereupon came Jonathan Richard, Peter S. Richard
 & Benjamin Richard subscribing witnesses to the second Codicil
 to said Will who being duly sworn depose and say that
 the said Hallis Estill Senr deceased declared and published this as the
 second Codicil to his last Will & Testament and at the time of
 acknowledging the same he the said Hallis Estill Senr was
 of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he acknowledged
 the same in their presence and they as witnesses thereto signed
 the same in his presence & at his request. Whereupon came
 Nathan Green & Hallis Estill subscribing witnesses to the third
 codicil to said Will who being duly sworn depose
 and say that the said Hallis Estill Senr deceased declared and published
 this as the third Codicil to his last Will and Testament and at the
 time of acknowledging the same he the said Hallis Estill Senr
 was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he
 acknowledged the same in their presence and they as witnesses
 thereto signed the same in his presence and at his request.
 Whereupon It is ordered by the Court that said last Will &
 Testament and the three Codicils thereto be recorded, & testimony
 whereof 2 thereof B. Wagner Clerk of said Court bore witness
 subscribed my name on the day & year aforesaid.

Recorded this 3rd day of March A.D. 1835

W. B. Wagner Clerk