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Abeniah Pettit

In the name of God Amen.
I Abeniah Pettit and of the County of
Deane and State of Tennessee being to
mind the certainty of death and the
uncertainty of life and being of
sound mind & memory do on
this seventeenth January eighteen hundred
and twenty four make this my last
will and Testament in manner and
form following Viz.
I then I will that my just debts be
first paid. I then I also will that
all my children first and last that
live at home and alive James Troop
have given to them learning the boys
to be taught to read and write and
cipher to the rule of three the girls
to be taught to read the whole Scripture
intelligibly & into a common good hand
and it to be paid for out of my Estate.
Secondly I will unto my wife
Susanah Pettit the third part of my Estate
both real and personal during her
natural life time and widowhood
and at her death or marriage my will
is that the children shey be in my
power to me to have that part of my
Estate to be equally divided amongst
them. I then I will unto the balance
of my children Rachel Deane wife of
James Deane and Ruth Witt wife of
John Witt & Nancy Pettit & John
Pettit and Jane Pettit & Sarah Pettit
& Margaret Pettit be equal heirs of
the balance of my Estate both real
and personal with a reserve that
are the last mentioned children
except Rachel Deane wife of James
Deane shall have a husband and

fifty dollars before she receives any
 and to be equally her with Ruth
 Witt & Mary Pitt & John Pitt
 and Joel Pitt & Emek Pitt &
 Margaret Pitt and if any one of my
 children should receive any part
 of property or money in my life time
 the same to have as much before
 they receive any more. Then my will
 is that they receive the parts when
 the youngest child comes of age
 that I had by my first wife, then
 my will is that after my death as
 soon as convenient for my personal
 estate to be sold and the money
 arising therefrom by my Executors
 to be put out upon interest and
 the land to be rented all but what
 goes into the hands of my wife
 Susan. Then my will is that
 after my death that all my lands
 under age shall be put out to
 some good trade & be freely
 appraised William Center and Thomas
 Hall my lawful Executors of
 this my last will and Testament
 Signed and Sealed in the presence
 of us who were present the 27th
 day of January 1824

Attest
 Joseph Davis
 Johanna Davis

Michael Pitt (Seal)