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The last will & Testament of Eliza Rodman proved the
30th day of August 1874.

I, Eliza Rodman, do make and publish this
as my last will and testament hereby revoking voice all
other wills, by me at any time made. I direct that
my funeral expenses, and all my debts be paid as soon
after my death as possible out of any money found among
the possessions of, or may fall due into the hands of
my Executors.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Susan
Rodman, the one half of the proceeds of my farm after
paying expenses of repairs and making crop, the other
half of the proceeds to whoever may live with her, be-
lieving at one half of the expense of keeping up the farm
and making crop, if there should be a surplus after a
decent support for her, then the balance to be divided
equally between my heirs, and I further give to her,
the full control of my house together with all the property
therein, she may choose to keep, both house and furniture,
furniture, this to be determined on by my Executors. I
also give one horse brute team and wagon, two cows
and calves, the one half of hogs, and the sheep, if it
should take this to support her, this to be determined on
by her, and my Executors, if there be any stock
left, then to be sold, and the money charge between
my heirs equally, and further her and the farming
implements, my Executors may think necessary to
carry on the farm, and at her death all land and
any thing she may be possessed of to be sold
and the money coming therefrom to be equally di-
vided between my heirs, having reference to a
Book of account, I have kept against my heirs.
I further will that Marshall Norton and Susan
Norton his wife live with their mother and
have half the profits of the farm after the expenses
are paid for raising the crop and keeping up
the farm. I further will that if Susan Rodman
wishes to live with her Grand Mother, and take herself
with the money, at her Grand Mother's death
that she have one half the house and furniture

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nature, one cow and calf and two dollars in money to buy
cups and pans and cooking utensils, Thirdly, I bequeath to my
Grand son John H. Rodman, two hundred and fifty dollars,
or one fifth part of what of what ever my real estate may
bring, to be kept by my Executors, and paid to him at the
age of twenty one year, retaining the interest for their trouble.
I appoint my Executor here after named the same as
now or trustee, Fourthly, I will that one or more of my
heirs take my landed estate at the sum of two thousand
five hundred dollars, and pay to the other heirs their pro-
portional part of their share after retaining his or their
part, and if some of the heirs will take the place at
the price, then to be sold to the highest bidder, and the
money arising from the sale to be equally divided between
my heirs having reference to the book of account, Fifthly, as
against my heirs.

Sixthly, and lastly, I appoint my Son Samuel & David
son, and Marshall Norton my Executors in witness
whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty
first day of December 1874.

Witness

E. L. Davis,

James H. Rodman

The last will & Testament of Alexander Skellam Son
of John and proved the 27th day of October A.D. 1874.

Alexander Skellam do make and publish this as
my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void
all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts
be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any
money that I may be possessed of, or may fall due into
the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the
house (known as the Redwood house) and all the land and
certain land, beginning on a large locust tree on the
corner, thence across to the river, thence with the
road to John Spruce's line all of my land south and
west of the road. This land which I have given to my
wife Elizabeth I have at her (my wife's) death to be

to my dear Alexander Sketton Junr, I also give
and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth our horse, the two
thens, as at my death to be owned by me, the two cows and
Calf, and some Stock Hogs, and all my household
and kitchen.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my
son Alexander Sketton Junr, my Executor, In witness
whereof I do to this my will set my hand and
seal, this 28th day of December 1871.

Ino D. A. Sketton

Joseph D. Sketton

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the
Justices, this 28th day of December 1871.

The last will & testament of Martha Abner do^{ce} passed
4th day of January 1875 and is in the words and figures following.

I Martha Abner do make and publish
this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me at any
time made,

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible
out of any moneys that I may find myself of
or may first come into the hands of my exe-
cutor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to William Sketton
my personal property, and house
hold and kitchen furniture.

I do hereby nominate and appoint William Sketton
my Executor, In witness whereof I do to
this my will set my hand and seal this
the 4th day of October 1874.

William Sketton

M. R. Sketton

Joseph D. Sketton

Martha Abner
made

the last will & testament with accompanying Certificate of M. J. Sketton
given on the 1st day of March 1875.

State of Tennessee

Hawkins County In the name of God Amen

William Sketton being of sound mind and memory
and receiving the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make
and publish this my last will and testament.

First: My Will and desire is that my love Son to wit: Edwin Sketton
and William Sketton Sketton. I give and bequeath unto them the farm
they now live on known by the name of the Lee farm bounded by the
lands of A. Sketton, David Sketton, David Sketton, David Sketton,
Andrew Sketton, King &c. also bounded by my home place containing
one hundred and forty acres, that the same be equally divided
between the two: each one holding his own improvement and an equal
division of timbered as well as cleared lands, also my Silver Watch
if out hands at my death: either one to have by the other paying
the one five dollars:

Second: My will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth hold the
old Homestead. I now occupy, during her natural life, or so long
as she remains my widow:

Third: Also My Daughter Emily, Louisa Sketton live at the old home
as long as she will live under the government of my wife Elizabeth
or as long as she remains single, or longer if they can agree.
She is also to have a foreing store if any on hands at my death
worth one hundred dollars; or to have one hundred dollars
in money out of my personal property if the same is not paid
in during my life time: She is also to have, as the Bedding, clothing,
furniture &c. which was in her room, to wit: Two Beds & Bed Steads and then
clothing, also one Dresser, it is now in her room. She is to have
the use of this Room to keep her things in, and myself and wife Elizabeth
is to have free access to the room if it should be necessary.

Fourthly: After all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I give
and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth all the personal property I am possessed
of at my death, also if there should be any property or stock of any
kind at hands at my death. She has the liberty of either of selling it,
by an Order from Court or privately as she may think best.

Fifthly: My wife Elizabeth is also to have the old Homestead to keep and to
live during her natural life, or so long as she remains a widow, and she
is to have free access to all or any parts for keeping off, or repair of the
place, and not to sue or dispute of any kind in any other way and it