Leonard Brown deceased

In the name of God Amen I Leonard Brown of the County of Johnson & State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be God in eq[ual] do this 6th day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & forty one, do make & publish this the La[st] as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking & making both Void all other Wills by me at any time made

1st First I direct that my funeral expences & all my debts mu[st] be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the[m] any moneys that I may be possessed of or may [come] first come into the hands of my Executors.

2nd Secondly I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Barbary C. have and enjoy peaceable during her natural life, then the to be disposed of as hereon after mentioned, the Brick[en] house Kitchen Barn & all other out houses all the [re]s Lands here where I now live & all entrys of lands [th]at that I now own & all the Negroes that I now own [to]gether with their Increase & all the cash that may [be] be on hands & all the debts that may be owing and all the farming Tools & Smith tools of every descrip[tion] tion and all the property of every description and [of] all the property of every description except such as I may have herein bequeathed to my other heirs, I hereby give & power my beloved wife Barbary to sell either one Negro or all of the negroes if she may wish to do so by her first Calling on my executors to aid & assist in such sale or sales of said negroes and all the Grain & products of every description that may be on said farm must remain on it for the use & Comfort of my beloved wife Barbary

3rd Thirdly I give & bequeath to my two Youngest ch[il]dren Harriet H and Elkin to have peaceable & well

of all my lands above named after the death of my beloved wife Barbary & not before (viz) David to have possession of the Brick house and kitchen for the first ten Years & Elisha to have possession of the Blacksmith shop at the Cross Roads the same length of time. then change possessions & Continue to change every ten Years during life and all the farming and Smith tools of every kind to be equally divided L. H. & Elisha and one Waggon & Gearing & one truck Waggon to equally belong to them both & all the Kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them and David to have one Chaney Press & one Secretary and Elisha to have one Bureau & Desk & one Clock and each one to have one Bed, Steed & furniture to the same & each one to have one Cow & calf and Six Sheep & one Sow and pigs & Killing hogs which my executors may think sufficient for one Years Consumption

(4th Fourthly) I Give & bequeath to my daughter Susannah two Beds Steads with their furniture to the same, one Small & one large Spinning Wheel one Bureau known by the Hyath Bureau one horse Beast Saddle & Bridle to be worth between Eighty and one Hundred dollars two Cows and Calves or Cows with Calfs and twenty dollars Worth of Kitchen furniture

(5th Fifthly) I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Leonard Snow Son of my daughter Catharine one good horse Saddle Bridle worth between Eighty and one hundred dollars and all his wearing Clothes with one new Cloth Coat worth not less than fifty dollars.

(6th Sixthly) All the remainder of my property both real & personal of every description that is not herein named, must be sold at the proper time by my executors for Cash or a Credit of twelve months Credit a

Will Continued. &c

they may think best and to be divided amongst my law
heirs as follows (viz) my Executors must make an e
division of all the proceeds of the sale or sales after fir
paying all lawful expences, except my daughter Elizabeth Ba
nine, Susannah, & Lavina Leah Decisted, daughter Elizabeth
shall have one hundred Dollars, but if she should become a
ow before the distribution of said estate then she mus
shall have one additional Hundred dollars, and her husband
to have up this note I now chall on them. Daughter
Catharines equal parts must be divided equally between
her & her daughter Elizabeth and her son James L.
Susannahs equal parts must be divided one half to her
her other half to be divided between her two children
Daughter Lavina Leah Decased, her equal share must be
equally divided among her three children, except my Da
should marry and school those three Orphan Children
& so they must have fifty dollars out of it for Each
Orphan to raised and schooled.
Lastly I give & bequeath to my son in law John
Dollar One dollar to be paid out of the proceeds of
my estate. I do hereby nominate and appoint my
three sons (viz) John S. Andrew and Isaac my Ex
ecutors, In Witness I do to this my last Will & Te
tament set my hand & seal this 6th day of December
A.D. 1841.

Leonard his Shown Seal
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Witness
D. M. Wagner
Alex C. Elmeth

Andrew Shown Executor &c.
Leonard Shown Deceased

State of Tennessee
Johnson County } County Court
August Term 1845

Whereas it appears to this Court here that Leonard Shown late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing in which he has appointed John S Shown and Andrew Shown his executors to the same, which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs It is therefore Ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and Singular the Goods Chattles rights and Credits of said deceased Jane the said John S. Shown and Andrew Shown having been qualified according to law, these are therefore to empower You the said Johnson Shown and Andrew Shown to enter into and upon all and Singular the Goods and Chattles rights and Credits of the said Leonard Shown deceased & the same into Your possession take wheresoever the same may be found and perfect a true Inventory to make and return into our next County Court and the Just debts of the said Leonard Shown deceased to pay and also well and truly pay and deliver all the Legacies Contained and Specified in said Will and Testament, as far as the said Goods and Chattles & Credits will thereunto extend and the law charges you.

Witness whereof I Alfred T Wilson Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of my office at office in the Town of Taylorsville the 6th day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty five and of our Independence

Alfred T Wilson Clk
By Nicholas E Smith D.C.

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