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this day heard Andrew Steward, publicly declare &
proclaim the will & as his last will & testament in
his last sickness at New Orleans, that he was at the
time of sound mind & memory, & that they were
by said decedent
requests to bear witness thereof. It is therefore re-
corded by the court that it be recorded at full
length. Witness Brice McGarner, clerk of said
court at office the 7th day of Aug. 1815
Recorded 18th Aug. 1815 Brice McGarner, clerk

In the name of God Amen I David Vance of
Hills County & State of Tennessee, now for advanced in years
& finding myself weak in body, but in good health
in perfect mind, memory & understanding God be
thanked, do this 22nd day of August 1815 make
Constitute & ordain this my last will & testament in
manner following: First I recommend my soul to
the hand of Almighty God & my body to the earth
to be decently buried at the discretion of my ex-
ecutors as for my worldly goods & effects wherewith
has pleased God to bless me with in this life I
give & dispose the same in manner following.

First, I will that all my just debts & funeral ex-
penses with the probate thereof be fully satisfied & paid
out of my estate.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my well beloved wife
Sarah Vance one young mare & two cows & calves and
one bed & furniture to be by her, to possess, enjoy &
disposed of as she sees convenient.

Item, I give & bequeath to my son William Vance
a debt upon the estate of Mark The sum of

twenty seven dollars & eighty four cts, also one
young horse & two steers & one bull which
is as full of his part share & portion out of my

estate. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob
Vance a certain roan mare, two cows & calves and one
yearling heifer, also all my stock of hogs except mine
ten head of spare sows & barrows which is my wife
& desired for my wife Sarah Vance to have with
these head of sheep and all my brown face
cattle to be by her possessed, enjoyed and disposed
of as she sees convenient. And as for my worldly
goods I wish & desire to be equally divided be-
tween my two sons Jacob Vance & William Vance
Item, I give & bequeath to my two sons John & James
Vance the sum of one dollar to each of them which
shall be in full of their share & portion out of my
whole estate as I have done & given to them before
in my life time sufficient for their part and share
which shall be paid them within twelve months after my
decease. Item, I also give unto my daughter Nancy
now wife of George Gentry, the sum of one dollar
which shall be paid in full of her share & portion
out of my whole estate as I have done & given to
her before in my life time sufficient for her part
& share & which shall be paid unto her within twelve
months after my decease. And lastly I nominate
stitute & appoint my wife Sarah Vance & my son
William Vance exors of this my last will & testament
& I will & desire that they shall do & perform the
same according to the true intent & meaning thereof &
I do hereby disavow & make void all former wills
& bequests by me heretofore made ratifying this to
be my last will & testament. In testimony
whereof I the said David Vance have hereunto set my
hand & seal the day & year first above written being
sealed, published & delivered in presence of

A. M. Gray

Thomas Johnson

State of Tennessee

Recorder County Court

Jacob Vance Execut

Aug. 21st 1815

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The last will & testament of Jacob Carr a dec'd & my
produced in open court for probate & thereupon
came H. V. Isaacs and Thomas Johnson the
subscribing witnesses thereto who being sworn upon
the holy evangelists of Almighty God, say that they saw
the testator sign, seal, publish & declare this to be
his last will & testament and that he was at the
time of said signing & of sound mind & memory.
It is therefore ordered by the court that said will
be recorded. Witness my hand & seal of said court
at office this 7th day of May 1815.
Recorded N. Aug. 1815 Per Mr. Garner, Clerk

In the name of God amen I Henry
Featherston of the state of Tennessee & County of Clinch
being of a sound mind & memory thanks be
to God for the same, do make & declare this my last
will & testament in the manner & form as followeth,
First I give my soul to God who gave it to me &
my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner.
I give devise & bequeath unto my wife Nancy Featherston
during her widowhood all my estate real & personal
& that the said estate be kept together to raise the
children in a decent manner and to educate them
as well as the profits of the estate can meet, As I have
but very little money & have more due me than
will pay my debts, my desire is that my debts be
collected as quick as possible & the debts that I owe
be as quick as possible paid. In case my wife marries
again I give devise & bequeath to her during her widow-
hood the third part of my land, horses, cattle, sheep &
hogs & the third part of my household & kitchen furniture

also my negro woman named Annica. After her death my
will & desire is that the said property shall be equally divided
among all of my children except the land, & the residue to
go to the rest of the tract to be equally divided & all of it be-
tween my son William Grandison Featherston and my other son
Edward Hardaway Featherston at the expiration of my wife's
widowhood or life which ever may happen to them their heirs
& assigns forever. At the expiration of my wife's widow-
hood I give my negro man Tom to my son William
Grandison Featherston to him his heirs & assigns forever. At the
expiration of my wife's widowhood or life I give my negro
boy Stephen to my son Edward Hardaway Featherston to
him his heirs & assigns forever. My will & desire is that
if the negroes continue to increase that each of my daughters
shall have one negro a piece, afterwards if there is any more sub-
jects to a division for such negro or negroes to be divided
among all the children or sold with the money divided. And when
there should not be one negro a piece for the girls, they the girls
must have the value of one a piece in the remaining property.
My desire is that my wife or line to my daughters as they want
any of the property that is not willow to the said sons, keep
in view to make the girls all equal as near as possible, ex-
cepting the negro girl Sally. As my right to the said negro girl
is good until she comes to the age of twenty one years and death
afterwards. My desire is that said negro girl shall be sold as soon
as I have any right to her as poor as she can be spared & be-
fore she arriving to the age of twenty one years, the money to go
towards purchasing another negro or the educating of the children.
I give the use of my dwelling house to all my children as a home
during their single living without any interruption whatever. All
the rest & residue of my estate I give to my children to be equally
divided between them at the expiration of my wife's widowhood
or life. My estate my debts appraised or inventoried. I nomi-
nate & appoint my brother Edward Featherston executor
& my wife Nancy Featherston executrix of this my last
will & testament & that no security be required by the court
of either of them for the execution of this testament. Witness my