

Thomas H. Hill

Last

In the name of God Amen.
Will & Testament. I Thomas H. Hill of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner & form following. that is to say: First I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be sold after my decease, and out of the monies arising therefrom together with the proceeds of the growing Crops, all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. but should this appropriation prove inadequate I desire full payment to be made at the discretion of my executor hereafter to be named. Secondly. After the payment of my debts & funeral expenses I give to my son, John William Hill, all my estate both real and personal, to be enjoyed by him forever and desire that he may remain and manage the same, at the age of twenty years. Thirdly. I will that during the minority of my son, the plantation shall be kept up and the negroes kept together and at work thereon, and his boarding, schooling and clothing, paid for out of the monies arising from the same and the balance if any, retained for his use when of age. Fourthly. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Parker Campbell executor to this my last will and Testament confiding in his discretion, to carry the same into full effect, and hereby revoke all other or former wills, by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 19th day of July, 1834. Signed and acknowledged in presence of

W. S. Hooper

W. Campbell

married 5th Dec. 1834.

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Amos Davis

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Will & Testament. I Amos Davis of the county of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God,) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substances as it hath pleased God to bless me with do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following. 1st I desire that my executor hereafter named proceed after my decease to sell our hundred acres of Land, situate lying and being in the county of Lincoln and State

of Tennessee and on the waters of Broadhairs creek upon whom Amos now resides. Our hundred and fifty acres adjoining the our hundred acre tract of Clear Creek & some poles adjoining the lands of John Park & William Cowden on Richland Creek the grist & saw mills, and all their appurtenances, on said Clear Creek tract together with such perishable property as my surviving family in their judgement may not stand directly in need of the proceeds of which to go to the use of paying my just debts. Should the property named be insufficient to answer the above purpose to dispose of a sufficiency of the remainder of said perishable property, as will supply the defect. 2nd After the payment of my just debts I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Davis Our negro boy named Will Our named Andrew & Our named Bill my dwelling and out houses all of my house hold & kitchen furniture and as much of my Farm as she may need to raise a sufficient support for herself and her family and as much stock as she may need such as horses cattle & hogs &c. and after the sale of the before recited real & perishable property, there should be a surplus left after paying my just debts, I wish said surplus to go to the use of my wife & surviving family as I wish each of my children to have an opportunity to obtain a reasonable education I therefore vest the management of that business in the hands of my Executors to make such provision as they may in their judgement think proper. All of the property before recited as given to my wife is to be hers for her sole benefit in every respect for and during her natural life or widowhood in which case provided she marries or after her death the said property to be equally divided among all of my legal heirs. 3rd I wish my son James H. Davis to have fifty acres of my land including the half of a Spring which William Cowden now makes use of and the cleared land adjoining on the East of the outside cross fence which fifty acres he is to have and hold free from any encumbrance whatever to cultivate for his own use for and during the time of his Mother's life or till she be married again or the youngest heir becomes of age. 4th I wish my sons Nathan H. Davis and Allen J. Davis to have the use of the tract of Land purchased by me of Richard Fleming including all the cleared land on said tract in the same manner and for the same purposes recited to my son J. H. Davis for fifty acres and provided there should be any disagreement arising from any difference of opinion on the parts each is to have of said land between those my two

Sons, N. C. D. & A. D. (that my) executors be vested with authority to equitably divide the same for them and give to each portion.
 5th I wish my Son Morgan A. Davis & Stephen M. Davis to continue with their mother untill they receive their education receiving their Abidenee and Livings, to her in Cultivating and improving said farm and after they arrive to an age capable of doing for themselves that then my executors lay off each of them a suitable equivalent or some suitable part of said premises to be occupied by them as my other sons have already been provided for. 6th I wish my youngest son John D. Davis to remain with his mother during his widowhood or till after her death after which time should it take place down his portion of Land to be disposed of by my executors for his benefit if late he is not at liberty to infringe on his mother's rights in no kind of the word - And finally after my wife has enjoyed the premises as is expressed that the said youngest son have his share of Land to include my dwelling house Spring &c. 7th After my sons have all become of age or the death or marriage of their mother the other lands to be equally as near as can be divided among my other five sons, viz, J. H. Davis, N. C. Davis, W. J. Davis, M. A. Davis & J. H. Davis equally to quantity and quality giving us more to one than to another in value. 8th I wish my Daughter Fanny A. Davis to be provided for with her mother as long as she remains single in a respectable manner in provisions clothing &c. from the proceeds of my farm and the labor of those hands before needed for the use of my wife when she marries to have a negro girl or horse saddle and bridle to be worth at least seventy five dollars a cow and calf to be worth ten dollars a bed bedstead & furniture of a reasonable good quality. 9th I wish my two youngest Daughters, viz, Sarah Ann Davis and Mary Elizabeth Davis to remain with their mother as their sister F. A. Davis be provided for clothed and fed as she was from the same source educated as my youngest son and after marriage to receive in value or in property an equivalent with their sister F. A. Davis, and finally after the time arrives when this property is to be divided either by death or marriage as is expressed in the foregoing that then those of my sons who receive land and property if the same cannot be done equally so as to give to each of my daughters a fair equivalent after taking under

consideration what they have received in property if any) and its value if a defect in the portion or portions of any daughters that that defect be supplied by my son or sons who may have received the advantage if my son cannot by reason of a difference of opinion agree on the value of those effects I wish in that case my executors to solicit some two Justices of the peace for said county to select a committee of Five or more citizens disinterested to divide for them and give each his or her right. 10th I wish my beloved Northern and sister composing the Richland Baptist Church to hold in quiet & peaceable possession the house and yards heretofore occupied by said Church so long as they hold the religious tenets they now adhere to. 11th And lastly I do hereby make ordain and appoint my much esteemed nephew Morgan Clayton and my well beloved son James H. Davis executors to this my last will and Testament written on our sheet of paper the witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of June 1834. Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of the above named Amos Davis in presence of us and at the request & in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same. Test, A. Young Joshua Davis
 Isaac Wood James Pool
 recorded 5th December 1834.

Solomon Reese.

Last Will & Testament. Whereas I Solomon Reese of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being at this time laboring under sickness of body though of sound mind and memory in order to prepare my temporal affairs in the best manner Do make publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament. First I give and bequeath unto the seven children of my first wife or the survivors or survivors of them all my lands in Lincoln County and my negro men also I give unto them the proceeds of the sales of the following horses which I direct my executor to sell on a credit of twelve months our large sorrel ~~pony~~ and mother of the stud our stud horse our leopard filly or mare and bay horse Peter our young horse a colt of the old sorrel mare and other horse named for the proceeds to be equally divided amongst them. And I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mahala and her three children if she should be mother of