

1830 for probate, and John Brown & Cooper, the subscribing witnesses, being duly sworn, state that they saw the said testator sign & seal said will & heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will & testament and that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind & memory
 recorded March 5th 1830,
 Price M. Garner Clerk

John Gurdyers Last Will

In the name of God Amen I John Gurdyer of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln, being sick of body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God; calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God; that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my friends, nothing doubting but at the ^{general} resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, and as touching my worldly estate, wherein I have it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, in the first place which my debts to be paid out of my property & the second is I give unto Elizabeth Tharpe one negro girl named Mary after the death of my wife in the third place I give unto my mother Nancy Weather if she is alive at this date ten dollars in the fourth place I leave all the balance of my property unto my wife Nancy to dispose of as she thinks proper, except my negro man named Frank, which at her death shall remain his children provided he is discreet & servant, if not she may dispose of him as she thinks proper, signed & acknowledged in the presence of the subscribers this 13th day of December 1829.

Attest
 Francis Patton

John Gurdyer
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State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court I Price M. Garner Clerk of said Court certify that the foregoing last will & testament of John Gurdyer, deceased was pronounced before me the day of Jan'y 1830 for probate & that Henry & Francis Patton the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn, state that they saw the said testator sign & seal said will & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament & that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind & memory
 Price M. Garner Clerk
 recorded March 5th 1830

State of Tennessee Lincoln County Jan'y 1st in the year of our Lord 1829 On the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Merrill of the State and County of said, being now of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God, calling to mind knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain, this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God; that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and trusting such worldly estate wherein it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath the same in the following manner, from first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susan Merrill the house and plantation on which I now live, to maintain her and her children during her widowhood and she keeps the children together, and if she marries and scatters the children, then the land and plantation to be sold and equally divided with Polly Calvert Margaret Merrill, Nancy Merrill Benjamin, & Helen, and if Susan do not marry till the youngest child comes of age, then the land to be sold, & the same to be divided a share with the above named, likewise I will to have one bed & furniture and one cow and calf, and have them sufficient to maintain them for twelve months, likewise I will my daughter Margaret Merrill, her bed & furniture & her horse & cow & calf as they are now called likewise I will Nancy Merrill and her children Andrew Merrill the sum of ten dollars for the benefit of them, also I will to my daughter Nancy one bed & furniture and I will to my son Benj my youngest child a saddle and bridle and I will to my daughter Helen, the little Brindle heifer & I do appoint my son John Merrill to administer on the balance of my estate, and sell all the balance of my property, and also sell my negro man Matt and when the money is collected make an equal divide with all of my children & wife that is a living at that time after debts & charges are satisfied & I further appoint my son John Merrill, sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made in writing whereof I have unto this day heard and declared the day of date above written
 Benjamin Merrill

Witnessed and sealed and signed by the above named Benj Merrill to his last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Witnesses, W. Jones, Abner Merrill & Garrett Merrill.

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court, January Term 1830, I Price M. Garner clerk of said Court do certify that the foregoing last will & testament of Benjamin Merrill died was produced in open court on the day of January 1830 for probate & that William Jones Abner Merrill & Garrett Merrill the subscribing witnesses thereto, being duly sworn state that they saw said testator sign & seal said will, & heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament & that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind and memory.

Recorded 5th March 1830,

Price M. Garner clerk

Gordon Reese's Will.

In the name of God Amen, that I Gordon Reese being weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, or you may say this considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being of sound mind & perfect memory, blessed be almighty God for the same. do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Reese I will & bequeath the tract of land on which I now live to my wife Polly Reese during her life containing two hundred and sixty one acres, also the following negro slaves, Peter, Simon, Tomah, Betty, my sorrel horse grey mare Phely & mare gig my waggon and all my stock consisting of cattle hogs & sheep and all my farming tools. also all my house hold & kitchen furniture, the side board at her death I give to my son Lock Reese, and one bed bedstead & furniture when may need it also one bed bedstead and furniture to my son ^{grandson} Gordon R. Moore when he becomes of lawful age. I do give & bequeath to my daughter Fanny H. Moore's three children William H. Moore, Polly L. Moore and Gordon R. Moore the north part of a certain tract or parcel of land on the waters of Cane Creek to be divided as follows. Commencing in the west boundary of said survey on the top of a ridge at a corner made by William

Boone running with the various meanders of a ridge south east direction with the line made by said Boone originally to a corner on said ridge lately made by Patton & Anderson continuing east with the line run by said Anderson to the east boundary of said survey, the south part of said survey will hereafter be disposed of. Also two negro slaves Tabby and her child Chanty and their increase to said Children which said land and negroes & their increase being Considered the legacy of my daughter Fanny H. Moore die? I further bequeath to Gordon R. Moore a horse & saddle & bridle to be worth one hundred dollars to be given him when he becomes of lawful age and a silver watch which is now in the possession of Littiberry Reese. Also I bequeath to my daughter Fannetta W. Boone in addition to what I have already given her by deed of Conveyance a certain entry of land containing sixty eight acres of land adjoining the south east part of the land originally given also a negro woman named Caroline & her child Isaac and a boy named Squire.

Also I will and bequeath to my son Littiberry L. Reese the south division of the land on Cane Creek on which he now lives running as above stated in my deed of Gift to my grand Children, also my negro woman Cely with her increase, and my negro boy Winchester, one bay mare which he has now in possession also my silver watch.

Also I will & bequeath to my son Lock L. Reese the tract of land on which I now live at the death of my wife Polly Reese, and if he should marry before he becomes of lawful age to have all on the ^{east} side of the Creek for his own use and at his becoming of lawful age to have all on the S. side of the Creek for his own benefit, also my negro man Joe and a negro boy George, the hire of said negroes to be for her benefit during minority, also a negro girl Betty and her increase to go to him at the death of my wife Polly Reese also my pebble faced dovel cost to be his at my death. My negro girl Betty to be sold at public sale and equally divided between my legal heirs, my daughter Fanny H. Moore's die? Children to draw one share and the same to be equally divided between them namely, William H. Moore Polly L. Moore & Gordon R. Moore. It is furthermore my will that all the negro horses & oxen remain on the farm until the present crop is made & gathered, and at the expiration of the year my bay horse to be sold with the remaining part of my crop after