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Benjamin Merrill Will in 1829

a true copy and true of said original will,
and that the said Kitchen Holcomb signed, sealed
published & declared the same to be his last will
and testament and that they subscribed their
names thereto as witnesses at his request and in
his presence, and that they believe him to be
at the time of signing, sealing, publishing and
declaring the same to be of sound mind and
memory - It was therefore ordered by the
Court that this copy or these together together with
this probate be recorded Bice M. Garver

By his deputy B.M. Garver

Recorded 14 July 1829

John Harrison's last will In the name of God amen.

I John Harrison do appoint this to
be my last will & testament.

First, I give to my beloved wife all my
estate of every kind. At her death, I wish an
equal division among my children, taking into
consideration what I paid them (viz.) I have paid
Thomas fifty dollars, and Middleton one hundred
and thirty. A note on William mostly of fifty
dollars I wish given up to him. I wish Lucy Coathen
to be my Executor to this my last will and tes-
tament. In witness I subscribe set my hand
seal this month of April 1829

John Harrison Seal
mark

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us

test. Peter Brown

Robert R. Allcap

Morgan Abbott

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court 3 April 1829 I Bice

Mr. Garver Clerk of said Court do certify, that this
last will and testament of John Harrison de-
ceased was produced in open Court for probate
whereupon came Robert R. Allcap and Morgan
Abbott the subscribing witnesses thereto and
being duly sworn state that they saw and heard
the said John Harrison sign seal publish and
declare the same to be his last will and testa-
ment, and that they believed him to be at the
time of sound mind and memory, whereupon
it was ordered by the Court that this will together
with this probate be recorded Bice M. Garver

By his deputy B.M. Garver

Recorded 14 July 1829

James Brown's last will

April the tenth day 1829. In the name
of God almighty & merciful I do make this
my last will & testament for the disposition of
my own affairs; and the appropriation of my
own estate. I want my wife Mary Brown to
have and to live on my tract of land where
on I now live to raise my nine youngest
children and to educate them as well as she
can; and at her death ordering her widow-
hood, then to be equally divided between my
three youngest sons my tract of land which
consists of one hundred and fifty acres be-
tween Alexander Brown, ~~James~~ Brown
William Brown. I want my negroes to belong
to my beloved wife Mary during her widow-
hood or death, and then to be sold and the a-
mount of such sale to be equally divided among
my six youngest daughters Martha Brown

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Harriet Brown, Clarissa Brown, Ann Brown
 Polly Brown, Elizabeth Brown my lands and
 claims that lies in the Weston District I
 want to be sold to pay all my just debts
 and the balance of except two hundred dol-
 lars I give unto my daughter Jane Waggoner
 if any more after that I want to be divided
 with my three sons before mentioned. Any
 child being dissatisfied with this my last will
 and testament is not to have more than five
 pounds. for its full portion. I do nominate Con-
 stitute and appoint William Hubbard of
 the State of Minnesota' Executor to this my last
 will & testament and do publish the same as
 an act of my own. Signed sealed acknow-
 ledged in the presence of the undersigned.

Test

James Brown

John Brown

Livingston J Brown

State of Minnesota

Lincoln County Court July term 1829 I Brice M.
 Garner Clerk of said Court do certify that the
 foregoing last will & testament of James Brown
 deceased was presented in open Court for pro-
 bate & that John Livingston J. Brown the sub-
 scribing witness thereto being duly sworn stated
 that they saw said James Brown sign, seal, and
 heard him publish & declare the same to be his
 last will & testament & that the same was executed
 at the time it bears date and that they believed
 said James Brown at the time of executing said
 will to be of sound mind & memory and sub-
 scribed their names thereto as witnesses in his pre-
 sence and at his request Brice M. Garner

By his deputy P.M. Early

Recorded 17 October 1829

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William Blodoe's last will

In the name of God amen.

I William Blodoe of the County of Lincoln State of
 Minnesota being sick & weak of body, but of sound
 mind & 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 substance as I have pleased
 God to bless me with. I give & bequeath the same
 in the manner following, that is to say,

I desire that all my just debts & funeral ex-
 penses be paid out of the personal property of my
 estate. 2d. I give and bequeath unto my son John
 Blodoe all my tract of land wherein I now live
 containing fifty acres during his lifetime, then
 after his decease to go to my son Lewis Blodoe
 to be enjoyed by him of his heirs forever. But I fur-
 ther will & desire that my wife Mary Blodoe do
 live with my son John Blodoe during her lifetime
 and that my son John Blodoe do take good
 care of her, and that she have a liberal support
 out of the proceeds of the land from which I
 have given to my son John Blodoe during lifetime.

Thirdly. All the rest & residue of my personal
 estate (except my father bed & furniture which I
 give to my son John Blodoe) I will desire
 that it remain with my wife Mary and my
 son John for their support but not to be other-
 wise appropriated. And lastly I do hereby con-
 stitute & appoint my son Lewis Blodoe Executor
 of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking
 all other former wills or testaments by me hitherto
 made. In writing whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this 13th day of October
 the year of our Lord 1825 William Blodoe has
 signed, sealed, published & declared to be the last