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witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Lewis Morgan *Signed*

Signed, sealed published and declared by the above  
named Lewis Morgan to be his last will and  
testament in the presence of us who at his request  
and in his presence have subscribed our names  
as witnesses thereto. I St Litchfield

Ames Morris

John S. Johnson

State of Tennessee  
Lincoln County Court. 3 January term 1828

I Brice McGarney clerk of the Court of Pleas and  
Quarter Sessions of said County hereby certify that  
the foregoing last will and testament of Lewis Morgan  
was exhibited for probate whereupon came Jack H.  
Litchfield and Ames Morris two of the subscribing witnesses  
thereunto and proved the due execution thereof; and prove  
that the said Lewis Morgan was at the time of sign  
ing of sealing and publishing the same of sound  
mind and memory over that the same was so ex  
hibited & proven the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1828  
Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828

Brice M. Garney Clerk

By his deputy P.M. D'Arcy

Recorded & compared 6<sup>th</sup> March 1828

### John Blake's last will

In the name of God amen

Being infirm and far advanced of age and of low  
mind and memory, but knowing that it is once ap  
pointed for all men to die, I now make this my last  
will & testament in writing revoking all former wills  
and testaments by me heretofore made.

First I will and bequeath my seal into the hands of

God who gave it. And secondly my worldly estate  
which it hath pleased God to bless me with in the fol  
lowing manner (to wit) I will I allow all my funeral  
expenses to be paid together with my other just debt  
of other description by a sale; and out of the proceeds  
of the money arising from the sale of my stock and  
other household and kitchen furniture, which is to  
take place as soon as possible after my decease.  
And the money arising from the proceeds of the sale  
of land stock and furniture after paying my fun  
eral expenses and other just debts I allow to be  
equally divided amongst the whole of my children  
(viz) Hugh M. Blake, John W. Blake, William D. Blake  
Jane Blake, Sally Marr & Peggy Scals.

Third I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved  
wife Elizabeth Blake one negro girl Hannah  
after three children (viz) Aggy, Mary & Lidda  
and their increase forever with her bed and furni  
ture, and one horse her choice of my stock  
& two Cows & Calves her choice before any sale  
takes place to be disposed of as she may think pro  
per at her death. I also will and bequeath to my  
son Wm D. Blake one hundred acres of land in  
Lincoln County and State of Tennessee wherein I  
now live and one negro boy Tom as his own  
right and to be disposed of as he may think fit after  
my death (but not before) Further I give & bequeath  
to my daughter Jane Blake one bed & furniture her  
choice. And lastly I appoint my dearly beloved wife  
Elizabeth Baccutus & my son W.D. Blake executors  
to this my last will of testament advising them to seal  
this my last will of testament unto execution and for  
ever they are not to be required to give any security  
to execute said will & testament a quibble to the  
true intent & meaning of said will as I have all  
confidence they will carry this my last will into

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1824

Test  
John Blakely

Bruce M. Garner

John C. Garner

Recorded 26<sup>th</sup> June 1828.

## Samuel Butler's last Will

In the name of God amen

I Samuel Butler of the State of Tennessee and Lincoln County being sick & 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 substance as I hath pleased God to bly me with.

I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Elizabeth a part of the plantation that I now live on Beginning at my barn, thence running with the lane towards the mill within six poles of said mill, thence north west to Joe M. Clark's line, thence east with said line to John Yeager's line, thence south so as to include the peach orchard, thence west to the road, thence north with said road to the barn to hold during her natural life or widowhood and provided she should marry that she pay half rent for the land; and likewise one work oxen worth fifty dollars & two cows of calves & two beds and furniture, one pot and one oven with one hundred and twenty dollars. And the balance of my perishable property to be sold and the money arising therefrom I give and bequeath - that my son Constant shall have one hundred dollars. And my son Thomas shall have one hundred dollars. And my daughter Temperance shall have a negro boy by the name of Lindsey & twenty dollars. And my daughter Nancy Caroline I give a negro boy named Jerry and one hundred dollars when it can be got by the rest of my

land or the hire of my negroes. And my sons William and Samuel & and John and Edmond and Lewis; and my daughter Mary own the balance of the money arising from my perishable property with my mill and mill yard and all the land lying on the west side of the creek to be sold; and the hire of my negroes and the rest of my land also one lot in Shaglegrove to be sold and equally divided among the six last named children; and when my youngest child comes of age my negroes and the balance of my land to be sold and equally divided the money arising from that sale amongst all my children. And I do appoint Joseph Dean of John Pinkerton to be my Executors of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six (Signed) Samuel Butler

Signs sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Samuel Butler in presence of us who at his request are in his presence both hereunto subscribed our names as witness to the same. Test

William Cox

Sylvia Cox Recorded 26<sup>th</sup> June 1828

## Malcolm M' Cowan's last will.

I Malcolm M' Cowan of the County of Lincoln being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory as touching such worldly estate as hath pleased God to bly me with in this life. I hereby disise and bequeath in the manner & form following But first of all I order all my legal debts to be paid & I give and bequeath to my wife Mary the one third of all my real and personal estate during her natural life and after her decease to be divided among my children