

I John Gibson of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being 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 it has pleased God to bless me with do make and declare the following to be my Last Will and Testament

- 1st I give and bequeath unto Margaret Gibson my wife during her natural life the use of the farm on which I now live including the mansion house building and all the improvements after deducting therefrom the portion hereafter bequeath to my son Albert G. Gibson for her support and for the support of my two daughters unmarried and living with her so long as they remain single with her Furthermore it is my will that my wife Margaret shall have such portion of the stock of my description of which I may die possessing as she may choose and judge proper for support and shall have all the kitchen and household furniture for her support own proper use and behoof and for her own absolutely disposing during her natural life and at her death I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Margaret during her natural life my slaves Alexander Malina and Harriet for her use with the exception hereafter specified
- 2^d I give and bequeath to my son Albert G. Gibson for his own proper use and behoof forever that portion of my land on which I now live which is east of a line beginning on the North Boundary line of said tract of land at a point due north of the spring from

- which my family obtains water and running thence south through said spring thence down said spring branch or water ^{made} as it now runs to the south boundary line of the aforesaid tract of land I also bequeath as aforesaid to said Albert G. Gibson my negro man slave named Alexander from and after the death of my wife Margaret mother of said Albert
- 3^d I now declare as my will that after the decease of my wife Margaret that portion of my land bequeathed for her use as above I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy and Margrit for their use and benefit if living and unmarried at that time provided they reside upon the premises so long as they remain unmarried and will reside thereon but in case of the marriage or death of either the other shall have the use and benefit of it so long as she remains single and reside upon the premises or death then it is my will that my son Albert G. Gibson shall have the aforesaid tract or portion of land for the sum of four hundred dollars to be paid in two payments of two hundred dollars each in one and two years from the date of such relinquishment and it is furthermore my will that the said sum of two hundred dollars each shall be equally divided among my daughters Lucinda G. Gibson, Malinda Eliza Nancy and Margrit for their own ^{proper} use and behoof forever
 - 4th I give and bequeath to my son Parker Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars
 - 5th I give and bequeath son John W. Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars

- 6th I give and bequeath to my son Felix G. Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars
- 7th I give and bequeath to my son in law John W. Smith in addition to what he has heretofore received his note of hand executed to me for fifty five dollars dated September 20th 1819 and also to my daughter Louisa her wife ten dollars
- 8th I give and bequeath to my son in law James Crofford in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars
- 10th I give and bequeath to my son in law Archibald McWhorter in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars
- 11th I give and bequeath to my son in law daughter Eliza Dicky one negro girl slave named Martha and also to my son in law Alfred C. Dicky her husband ten dollars
- 12th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy K. Gibson one negro boy slave named Calvin & a negro girl slave named Jane
- 13th I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret A. Gibson one negro boy slave named Henry which she is to take possession of at my decease and also one negro girl slave named Harriet which she is to take possession of at the decease of her mother
- 14th My will is that such portion of the stock of every description of which I may be possessed as may remain after the selection of my wife Margaret as provided in the first section of the will shall be sold by me or my executors at public sale on a credit of twelve months out of the proceeds of which the money, legacies before mentioned shall be paid and the

balance if any shall be divided equally between my wife Margaret and my two daughters Nancy K. & Margaret A. and also it is my will that the crop on hands at the time of my decease or growing or gathered shall go for the sole use and benefit of my wife Margaret and my daughters Nancy K. and Margaret A.

I do hereby appoint my sons Albert G. Gibson and Felix G. Gibson executors of this my Last will and Testament discharging and hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made and confirming this my Last will and Testament in and Testamentary whereof I have unto set my and affix my seal this the fourth of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty

John Gibson

I have read and declared to be the Last will and Testament of the above named John Gibson in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same this 4th day of June 1844

Isaac Lovellworth
Joseph B. Hill
Napoleon Ward

Proved and announced to record at the June Term 1844 of the Lincoln County Court