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Abdney & Foster's Last  
Will and Testament.

State of Tennessee, Lincoln County,  
February 18<sup>th</sup> 1832, The last will &  
testament of Abdney & Foster,

I will and bequeath my love to them that giveth, and no  
body to be buried in good order, and my funeral expenses  
be paid out of my estate, I claim that all of my just debts be  
paid Question 1<sup>st</sup>, I will and bequeath, all my personal  
and real estate, to my wife Nancy Foster, her children or  
during her widow hood for the use and benefit of my children  
Question 2<sup>d</sup> If my wife Nancy Foster should marry, I wish her  
to have a child part, and the balance to be equally distributed  
amongst all my children.

Question 3. I will and bequeath to my son Washington Foster two  
thirds of my lands at death or marriage of my wife  
Question 4. I now conclude my last will and testament, paid and  
signed in the presence of us. the day and date above written.

Attest  
R J Garrison.

A. B. Foster

Hilary de Stokes  
John J Johnson  
State of Tennessee.

Lincoln County Court April term 1832.

The last will and testament of Abdney Foster was this day in open  
Court produced for probate, and thereupon came R J Garrison and  
Hilary de Stokes, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being  
duly sworn according to law, did by hand the said Abdney,  
acknowledge the same of which he also is a copy, to be his last will  
and testament. And that he was at the time of signing  
the same of sound mind and body  
meanings which is ordered to be certified, whereupon came John  
Marshall the executor by Court appointed and took the test  
prescribed by law, entered into bond, and gave security according  
to law, given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1832.  
Recorded June  
15<sup>th</sup> 1832.

Peter B. Garrison Clerk.  
By Peter B. Garrison D.C.

John Society Last  
Will & Testament.

In the name of God, Amen,  
I the hereby make of Lincoln County  
State of Tennessee, being in the full

enjoyment of health, also being sound in mind; though far  
advanced in years. Considering the uncertainty of the present  
life and the absolute certainty of death, and further wishing that  
there should be no disturbance, after my deceas, to arise as to the  
distribution of what property I may leave behind, as make this my  
last will and testament, thereby revoking any or all wills  
made of a previous date, by me at any time;

First, It is my chief and nobrest desire to give into the hands of the  
Creator, of the universe, my immortal spirit as his rightful due, to be  
placed any where, at his sacred disposal, and my body I request  
to be decently interred in a Christian like manner, avoiding  
every thing like pomp, or show, and after all necessary expenses  
proper interment have been paid, by the executors whom I shall  
appoint I desire the balance, to be appropriated in measure  
and power, following to wit, viz,

First to my beloved wife dear, body I will and bequeath the house in  
which I live, with other necessary out houses, with as much of the house  
furniture and that other furniture as she may want, also 5 acres of land  
at the lower part of my farm, around the house which I now  
live in, including as much woodland, as will answer for fire wood  
and also to keep the farm of the aforesaid 5 acres in repair also 2  
horses, 2 cows, and 2 pigs, also 2 breeding sows, and 3 Bar  
rows, with as many other dogs as will do her, cattle, she can  
have a stock, to have pick of the aforesaid items, of all which  
I may have at my death, also the now and as many tools  
as she may want to carry on the farm, provided that the  
young children they with her, also she require such named  
thing to exist upon her, also as much food as will answer  
for her and the children with her until such time as she can raise a  
crop, all the aforesaid property to remain with her so long as she  
lives, so long as she remains, my widow; afterwards to be disposed of  
as I shall then other wise appoint. I will and bequeath to my son Daniel  
Society, 50 acres of land, on which lives, to be paid at \$3 per acre  
acres

above, the place where I give birth. Commencing from eastward  
Cover, Spanish Oak, pine trees and Elm, and about 400 feet east  
of Hogwood and Beech, lies my son John Sibly (my son) wife and  
10 acres of land, one which he has, to be given at his death, the remainder  
to Daniel Clegg. Commencing with east Poplar, Sugartree, pine trees &  
oak, & Beech, Sugartree and by now. Also to my son Benjamin  
after my wife's death, or intermarriage the 1st corner given to him  
with the improvements to last, to be valued at \$3 per acre, to  
have price with other named lots before mentioned - starting  
my son George Sibly, wife and bequests, 60 acres of land with  
to now be in his possession, also when my son has John Sibly  
priced at \$3 per acre, amounting to \$188. until my son intermarries  
Harrison, wife and bequests, 109 acres of land lying between  
10 acres given to my son Benjamin, after my wife's death, or inter-  
marriage and the lands given to my son, George and wife, being  
divided between them, and valued at \$3 per acre, amount of 60  
acres and bequests to my son, George Sibly 100 acres of land lying  
at the head of Short Creek, which I stated agreeing to have \$100.  
per acre amounting \$100. said land begins at a point called  
Beech, at the head of the Spring.

All the other lands which I hope at my death, I wish to be divided  
equally amongst the following heirs (viz). (1) Daniel Sibley, George, Jacob  
Martin, Benjamin Harrison, (daughter) Elizabeth Rachael  
and Lydia, wife and bequests among daughters above mentioned  
and to this bodily heir the portion of my estate, which will come  
to them after an equal division is made between the heirs before  
mentioned, I wish all the personal property to be sold, with all other  
property I may have not otherwise appropriated to be sold,  
at publick sale, and adding the amount of sale, with the amount  
of land bequests at my valuation, the whole sum to be divided  
equally among my heirs, which I have mentioned before, about  
my wife's death, or intermarriage, all the property in her hands to  
not bequeathed, I wish to be sold, and after her funeral expe-  
nses paid, the remainder, I wish to be divided, equally  
among the aforementioned heirs which I have named, doth  
having full confidence in the integrity and hearts of my heirs

David and John, I do therefore appoint them my sole executors  
to carry into effect, everything as contained in this my last  
will, Also I wish them to see that nothing is lost, or wasted, or  
squandered away, on the part on which my wife lies. In  
witness whereof I have, signed itt. my hand, and affixed my seal  
the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen  
hundred and thirty one,

Signed & sealed at the presence of ~~John Sibly~~ <sup>his</sup>  
for acknowledgement before ~~John Sibly~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~mark~~ <sup>mark</sup>  
Daniel Sibly

John Sibly Jr.  
John Tracy, &  
Jacob Tipton

### Sale of Temperance

Lincoln County Court April Term 1832  
The last will and testament of John Sibly late deceased was  
produced in open Court for probate whereupon Lemm, John Tracy  
and Scott, Esqrs two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who first being  
duly sworn agreeably to law, say that the said John Sibly, acknowledged  
the same to be his last will and testament, at that he was at the time  
of signing, sealing, publishing and declaring the same of sound mind  
and memory, whereupon Lemm John Sibly, Lewis and David  
Sibly, the executors named in the will, did take, the oath prescribed  
by law, and gave bond with security see this 16th June 1832  
given under my hand at office in Troy Utica in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two,

Brice de Garmer clk.

By Peter R. Lamer Esq.

Recorded June 18<sup>th</sup> 1832.